

441—81.53(249A) Use of penalties collected by the department. Civil money penalties collected by the department shall be applied to the protection of the health or property of residents of facilities that the department of inspections and appeals finds deficient. Funds may be used for:

1. Payment for the cost of relocating residents to other facilities;
2. Recovery of state costs related to the operation of a facility pending correction of deficiencies or closure;
3. Reimbursement of residents for personal funds or property lost at a facility as a result of actions by the facility or by individuals used by the facility to provide services to residents; and
4. Funding of projects to improve the quality of life or quality of care of nursing facility residents through quality improvement initiative grants awarded pursuant to 441—Chapter 166.

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