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HOUSE FILE 677

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By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
(Formerly Study Bill 177)

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Vote: Ayes 73 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 0

Approved April 30, 1979

A BILL FOR

1 An Act to amend the statutes governing support of the mentally
2 ill and the medical assistance programs, to enable certain
3 patients hospitalized for mental illness to receive medical
4 assistance.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section two hundred thirty point twenty
2 (230.20), subsection six (6), Code 1979, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 6. All or any reasonable portion of the charges incurred
5 for services rendered to any patient, to the most recent date
6 for which the charges have been computed, may be paid at any
7 time by the patient or by any other person on the patient's
8 behalf. Any payment so made, and any federal financial
9 assistance received pursuant to title XVIII or XIX of the
10 United States Social Security Act for services rendered to
11 a patient, shall be credited against the patient's account
12 and, if the charges so paid have previously been billed to
13 a county, reflected in the hospital's next general statement
14 to that county.

15 Sec. 2. Section two hundred forty-nine A point three
16 (249A.3), subsection two (2), Code 1979, is amended by
17 inserting after paragraph b the following new paragraph, and
18 redesignating the succeeding paragraphs accordingly:

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. Individuals who are receiving care in an
20 institution for mental diseases, and who are under twenty-
21 one years of age and whose income and resources are such that
22 they are eligible for aid to dependent children under chapter
23 two hundred thirty-nine (239) of the Code, or who are sixty-
24 five years of age or older and who meet the conditions for
25 eligibility in paragraph a of this subsection.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill makes it possible to provide medical assistance
28 payments on behalf of certain otherwise eligible individuals
29 who are hospitalized for treatment of mental illness at one
30 of the state mental health institutes. The term "institution
31 for mental diseases" is used to coincide with language in
32 federal law.

33 It is important that section 2 of the bill specifies
34 insertion of the new paragraph after present paragraph b of
35 subsection 2 of section 249A.3 because the introductory phrases

1 of that subsection specify that Medical Assistance is to be
2 made available to the various categories described in an order
3 of priority the same as the order in which the categories
4 are listed, when available appropriations are not sufficient
5 to cover all of the categories.

6 The bill will take effect on July 1, 1979, in order to
7 coincide with the beginning of the new fiscal year.

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HOUSE FILE 677
FISCAL NOTE

DATE: APRIL 5, 1979
REQUESTED BY: SENATOR CHARLES MILLER

In compliance with a written request received April 5, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House File 677 pursuant to Joint Rule 16. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 677, An Act to amend the statutes governing support of the mentally ill and the medical assistance programs, to enable certain patients hospitalized for mental illness to receive medical assistance.

This bill makes it possible to provide medical assistance payments on behalf of certain otherwise eligible individuals who are hospitalized for treatment of mental illness at one of the state mental health institutes. The term "institution for mental diseases" is used to coincide with language in federal law.

	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Law	\$ 956,000	2,996,000	0	3,952,000
H.F. 677	840,000	899,000	2,213,000	3,952,000
Additional Staff	39,000	-0-	39,000	78,000
Total Cost	\$ 879,000	899,000	2,252,000	4,030,000
Net Change	<u>\$(77,000)</u>	<u>(2,097,000)</u>	<u>2,252,000</u>	<u>78,000</u>

Above statistics are based on actual costs for fiscal year 1979. As cost levels increase at the mental health institutes, the total costs indicated above will also increase.

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

FILED:
APRIL 5, 1979

BY GERRY RANKIN, DIRECTOR
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL BUREAU

HOUSE FILE 677

AN ACT

TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING SUPPORT OF THE MENTALLY ILL AND THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, TO ENABLE CERTAIN PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED FOR MENTAL ILLNESS TO RECEIVE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section two hundred thirty point twenty (230.20), subsection six (6), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

6. All or any reasonable portion of the charges incurred for services rendered to any patient, to the most recent date for which the charges have been computed, may be paid at any time by the patient or by any other person on the patient's behalf. Any payment so made, and any federal financial assistance received pursuant to title XVIII or XIX of the United States Social Security Act for services rendered to a patient, shall be credited against the patient's account and, if the charges so paid have previously been billed to a county, reflected in the hospital's next general statement to that county.

Sec. 2. Section two hundred forty-nine A point three (249A.3), subsection two (2), Code 1979, is amended by inserting after paragraph b the following new paragraph, and redesignating the succeeding paragraphs accordingly:

NEW PARAGRAPH. Individuals who are receiving care in an institution for mental diseases, and who are under twenty-one years of age and whose income and resources are such that they are eligible for aid to dependent children under chapter

two hundred thirty-nine (239) of the Code, or who are sixty-five years of age or older and who meet the conditions for eligibility in paragraph a of this subsection.

FLOYD H. MILLEN
Speaker of the House

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 677, Sixty-eighth General Assembly.

DAVID G. WRAY
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved *April 30*, 1979

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor