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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the billing and accounting of charges for the 2 state resource centers and mental health institutes

3 administered by the department of human services.

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

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- 23 number of inpatient days and outpatient treatment service
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- 26 following circumstances:
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- 7 billing for the quarter ending June 30.
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- 11 When certifying to the director-of-revenue-and-finance
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- 13 provided in section 222.73, the superintendent shall send to
- 14 the county auditor of each county against which the
- 15 superintendent has so certified any amount, a duplicate of the
- 16 certificate certification statement. The county auditor upon
- 17 receipt of the duplicate certificate certification statement
- 18 shall enter it to the credit of the state in the ledger of
- 19 state accounts, and shall immediately issue a notice to the
- 20 county treasurer authorizing the treasurer to transfer the
- 21 amount from the county fund to the general state revenue. The
- 22 county treasurer shall file the notice as authority for making
- 23 the transfer and shall include the amount transferred in the
- 24 next remittance of state taxes to the treasurer of state,
- 25 designating the fund to which the amount belongs.
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- 27 follows:
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- 3 follows:
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- 5 In actions to enforce the liability imposed by section
- 6 222.78, the certificate certification statement sent from the
- 7 superintendent to the county auditor pursuant to section
- 8 222.74 stating the sums charged in such cases shall be
- 9 presumptively correct.
- 10 Sec. 8. Section 229.41, Code 2001, is amended to read as
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- 12 229.41 VOLUNTARY ADMISSION.
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- 16 is received for observation and treatment on the application,
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- 7 hospital rendering the services has certified to the county
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- 18 All the provisions of chapter 230 shall apply to such
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- 21 apply to all voluntary inpatients or outpatients either away
- 22 from or at the institution heretofore-or-hereafter receiving
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- 24 Should-any If a county fail fails to pay these-bills the
- 25 billed charges within forty-five days from the date the county
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- 27 the superintendent, the director-of-revenue-and-finance
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- 34 Sec. 10. Section 230.20, subsection 1, unnumbered
- 35 paragraph 1, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

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- 2 compute by February 1 the average daily patient charges and
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- 5 the fiscal year beginning the following July 1. The
- 6 department shall certify the amount of the charges to-the
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- 8 billing charges.
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- 25 calendar quarter the actual third party payor reimbursement is
- 26 determined.
- 27 Sec. 12. Section 230.20, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2001,
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14 general statement shall list the name of each patient

15 chargeable to that county who was served by the mental health

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25 Sec. 13. Section 230.22, Code 2001, is amended to read as

26 follows:

27 230.22 PENALTY.

28 Should any county fail to pay the amount billed by a

29 statement submitted pursuant to section 230.20 within forty-

30 five days from the date the statement is received by the

31 county, the director-of-revenue-and-finance department shall

32 charge the delinquent county the penalty of one percent per

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S.F. ____ H.F. 1 the director-of-revenue-and-finance department of error or 2 questionable items in the billing, in which event, the 3 director-of-revenue-and-finance department shall suspend the 4 penalty only during the period of negotiation. Sec. 14. Section 230.34, Code 2001, is amended by adding 6 the following new subsection: NEW SUBSECTION. As used in this chapter, unless the 8 context otherwise requires, "department" means the department 9 of human services. **EXPLANATION** This bill relates to the billing and accounting of charges 12 for the state resource centers and mental health institutes. The bill amends current law by requiring various billings 14 and charges to be remitted to or calculated by the department 15 of human services in place of the director of revenue and 16 finance. In addition, the bill changes the term "certificate" 17 to the term "certification statement". The bill makes these changes in Code section 222.73, 19 relating to billing of patient charges in a state resource 20 center; Code section 222.74, relating to duplicate statements 21 sent to counties; Code section 222.75, relating to penalties 22 for delinquent payments; Code section 222.79, relating to 23 presumptive correctness of billings; Code section 229.41, 24 relating to collections for voluntary admissions; Code section 25 229.42, relating to state mental health institute billings for 26 certain voluntary cases; Code section 230.20, relating to 27 billing of patient charges at a state mental health institute;

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31 department of human services in Code chapters 222 and 230.

29 payment of patient charges at a state mental health institute.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K, RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

December 19, 2000

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Karla Fultz McHenrykylar) uf thetheren

The lowa Department of Human Services (DHS) is proposing legislation relating to the billing and accounting of charges for the state resource centers (previously know as state hospital schools) and the mental health institutes. It reflects the transfer of the accounting responsibility for institution county bills and receipts from the lowa Department of Revenue and Finance to the lowa Department of Human Services. Both departments mutually agree to this transfer of responsibility and are currently operating in this manner under a 28E agreement. The pertinent institutions are the four state mental health institutions and the two resource centers.

DHS requested to assume this responsibility to more accurately track and reconcile billings and receipts at an individual client or patient level. Ultimately, this should significantly address historical problems with institutional county billings and the application of institutional county credits. It should also assist with the resolution of disputed cases and outstanding balances.

For additional information regarding this proposal, or other questions, please contact Karla McHenry, Legislative Liaison, at 281-4848 or e-mail at kmchenr@dhs. state. ia.us.

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