

**CHAPTER 1073**  
**COUNTY OFFICERS QUARTERLY REPORTS**  
*S.F. 454*

**AN ACT** relating to quarterly reports by county officers.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 331.902, subsection 3, 1981 Code Supplement, is amended to read as follows:

3. Each elective officer specified in subsection 1 shall make an ~~itemized, verified,~~ quarterly report to the board showing, by type, the fees collected during the preceding quarter. The officer shall pay quarterly to the county treasury the fees and charges collected during the preceding quarter, receive duplicate receipts for the payment, and file one of the receipts in the office of the auditor. The officer shall note in the officer's fee book the date and amount of each payment into the county treasury.

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**CHAPTER 1074**  
**CHRONIC RENAL DISEASE PROGRAM**  
*S.F. 535*

**AN ACT** relating to the chronic renal disease program within the state department of health.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 135.45, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

**135.45 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED—DEFINITIONS.**

1. ~~The commissioner or his designee shall establish within the department a program for the care and treatment of to provide financial assistance to eligible persons suffering from chronic with end-stage renal diseases. This program shall assist persons suffering from chronic renal diseases disease who require lifesaving care and treatment services for such the renal disease, but who are unable to pay for such the service on a continuing basis.~~

2. As used in this division, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public health.
- b. "Committee" means the renal disease advisory committee.
- c. "Department" means the state department of health.
- d. "End-stage renal disease" means kidney failure which has progressed enough to require dialysis treatment or a kidney transplant to sustain life.

e. "Patient" means a person with end-stage renal disease who applies to the department for financial assistance and who is approved to receive the assistance.

f. "Physician" means a person who is licensed under chapter 148, 150, or 150A.

g. "Program" means the chronic renal disease program conducted by the department.

h. "Provider" means a professional or a public or private organization which provides services, directly or indirectly, for the treatment of end-stage renal disease.

Sec. 2. Section 135.46, Code 1981, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

135.46 COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED—TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP. There is established in the department a renal disease advisory committee to advise the department on the administration of the program, and to adjudicate appeals concerning the denial, suspension, or revocation of financial assistance.

1. The committee shall consist of thirteen members appointed by the commissioner. Each member shall be appointed for a term of four years or until a successor is appointed and qualifies beginning July 1 of the year of appointment. The commissioner shall fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of a term by the appointment of a person who represents the same area pursuant to subsection 2, which the person who caused the vacancy represented.

2. The committee shall consist of:

a. Two physicians representing the Iowa medical profession and who are actively involved in renal dialysis or transplantation.

b. One registered nurse representing nephrology nurses.

c. One social worker representing social workers who are actively involved in patient counseling.

d. One member representing the professional staff of the kidney foundation of Iowa.

e. Two members who are hospital administrators representing Iowa hospitals. One of the members shall represent a dialysis or transplant facility and the other member shall represent a facility that does not provide dialysis or transplant services.

f. One social security administrator representing those actively involved in patient or provider reimbursement.

g. One member representing an Iowa medicare intermediary and involved in third-party payments.

h. One member representing the end-stage renal disease network #8 as established by federal law.

i. One member representing the insurance department of the state.

j. Two members representing the consumers of health care in Iowa.

3. The committee shall meet as frequently as the commissioner deems necessary, but not less than annually. Special meetings may be called by the commissioner or upon written request by four of the members of the committee. The written request shall include the reason for the meeting. The committee shall elect the officers deemed necessary. A majority of the members is a quorum. The concurrence of at least the quorum is necessary for the committee to render a determination or decision. The committee members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the committee or for discharging their official duties at places outside their county of residence.

Sec. 3. Section 135.47, Code 1981, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

135.47 RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY. The department, after consulting with the committee, shall adopt rules relating to financial assistance for the renal disease program. The rules shall include, but are not limited to:

1. The establishment of financial criteria for determining patient eligibility for the program. The eligibility shall be based upon the financial resources of the applicant or patient with due regard to all sources of income.

2. The type and amount of financial assistance that may be provided.
3. The requirements for financial participation by a patient.
4. The establishment of procedures relating to receiving and processing provider fees charged to the department for services rendered on behalf of a patient.
5. The requirements for residency in Iowa for dialysis and transplant patients.
6. Procedures relating to the appeal by an applicant or a patient to the committee because of a denial, suspension, or revocation of financial assistance.

Sec. 4. Chapter 135, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new section as section 135.48:

**NEW SECTION. 135.48 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

1. A person diagnosed by a physician as having end-stage renal disease may apply to the department for financial assistance from the program for expenses related directly or indirectly to the illness.

2. The type and amount of financial assistance provided shall be determined by an evaluation of the patient's medical and financial status pursuant to the rules of the department.

3. The department may approve an application for financial assistance if the applicant meets the eligibility requirements for the program and if funds are available.

4. The department may deny an application for financial assistance or may suspend or revoke existing financial assistance for an applicant or patient if the department determines that the applicant or patient is not eligible pursuant to the rules of the department. The denial, suspension, or revocation of financial assistance is not a contested case until the action is appealed to the committee as provided by rule.

Sec. 5. The terms of all the members of the renal disease advisory committee prior to the effective date of this Act expire on the effective date of this Act. In making the initial appointments to the committee under this Act the commissioner of public health shall appoint four members to terms of one year, three members to terms of two years, three members to terms of three years, and three members to terms of four years.

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