

to be sold, and if the offer is equal to or exceeds in amount any other offer received, it shall be given preference by the agency in control of the land. Neglect or failure for any reason, to comply with the notice, ~~shall in no way~~ does not prevent the giving of a clear title to the purchaser of the tract, parcel, or piece of land. ~~A county shall dispose of unused right of way in the manner specified under section 331.361, subsections 2 and 3.~~

Sec. 2. Section 331.361, subsection 2, Code 1987, is amended by adding the following new lettered paragraph:

NEW LETTERED PARAGRAPH. c. When unused highway right of way is not being sold or transferred to another governmental authority, the county shall comply with the requirements of section 306.23.

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CHAPTER 36

COUNTY COSTS FOR PATIENTS AT STATE HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL S.F. 90

AN ACT relating to the county responsible for payment of costs for commitment or admission to a state hospital for the mentally ill.

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

Section 1. Section 230.10, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:
230.10 PRELIMINARY PAYMENT OF COSTS.

All legal costs and expenses attending the taking into custody, care, investigation, and admission or commitment of a person to a state hospital for the mentally ill under a finding that such person has a legal settlement in another county of this state, shall, ~~in the first instance, be paid by the county of admission or commitment~~ be charged against the county of legal settlement. ~~The county of such legal settlement shall reimburse the county so paying for all such payments, with interest.~~

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CHAPTER 37

THIRD PARTY PAYOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR PATIENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTES S.F. 76

AN ACT relating to third party payor reimbursements for patient charges at a mental health institute.

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

Section 1. Section 230.20, subsections 2 and 5, Code 1987, are amended to read as follows:

2. The superintendent shall certify to the director of revenue and finance the billings to each county for services provided to patients chargeable to the county during the preceding calendar quarter. The county billings shall be based on the average daily patient charge and other service charges computed pursuant to subsection 1, and the number of inpatient days and other service units chargeable to the county. However, a county billing shall be decreased by an amount equal to reimbursement by a third party payor or estimation of such reimbursement from a claim submitted by the superintendent to the third party payor for the preceding