

**85.49 Trustees for minors and dependents.**

1. When a minor or a dependent who is mentally incompetent is entitled to weekly benefits under [this chapter](#) or [chapter 85A](#) or [85B](#), payment shall be made to the parent, guardian, or conservator, who shall act as trustee, and the money coming into the trustee's hands shall be expended for the use and benefit of the person entitled to it under the direction and orders of a district judge. The trustee shall qualify and give bond in an amount as the district judge directs, which may be increased or diminished from time to time.

2. If the domicile or residence of the minor or dependent who is mentally incompetent is outside the state of Iowa, the workers' compensation commissioner may order and direct that benefits to the minor or dependent be paid to a guardian, conservator, or legal representative duly qualified under the laws of the jurisdiction wherein the minor or dependent shall be domiciled or reside. Proof of the identity and qualification of the guardian, conservator, or other legal representative shall be furnished to the workers' compensation commissioner.

[S13, §2477-m13; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §1409; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §85.49]

[83 Acts, ch 186, §10039, 10201](#); [93 Acts, ch 70, §5](#); [96 Acts, ch 1129, §20](#); [98 Acts, ch 1061, §11](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1041, §30](#)

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