

## CHAPTER 347B

### COUNTY CARE FACILITIES

Referred to in [§135B.18](#), [135C.23](#), [331.382](#), [714.8](#)

Exemption from hospital licenses, [§135B.18](#)  
 This chapter not enacted as a part of this title; transferred  
 from chapter 253 in Code 1993  
 See [§218.95](#) for provisions pertaining to  
 construction of synonymous terms

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#### 347B.1 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires, “book”, “list”, “record”, or “schedule” kept by a county auditor, assessor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, or other county officer means the county system as defined in [section 445.1](#).

[2000 Acts, ch 1148, §1](#)

#### 347B.2 Establishment — submission to vote.

If the board of supervisors proposes to establish a county care facility under [this chapter](#) at a cost in excess of fifteen thousand dollars, it shall first submit the proposition to a vote of the people.

[C51, §828; R60, §1396; C73, §1372; C97, §2241; SS15, §2241; C24, 27, 31, 35, §5338; C39, §3828.115; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, §253.1; [81 Acts, ch 117, §1041](#)]  
 C93, §347B.1

C2001, §347B.2

#### 347B.3 Annual published report.

The board of supervisors, prior to September 1 of each year, shall publish in the official papers of the county as part of its proceedings, a financial statement of the receipts of the county care facility, or county farm, itemizing them and stating their source, which report shall also set forth the total expenditures and the value of the property on hand on July 1 of the year for which the report is made and a comparison with the inventory of the previous year. The inventory need not specifically account by item for individual items of personal property valued at less than one hundred dollars.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, §5340; C39, §3828.117; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, §253.3; [81 Acts, ch 117, §1042](#)]

[89 Acts, ch 214, §1](#)

C93, §347B.3

#### 347B.4 Reserved.

#### 347B.5 Admission — labor required.

The county care facility shall maintain a record of the name and age of each person admitted and the date of admission. The board may require of any resident of the county care facility, with approval of a physician, reasonable and moderate labor suited to the resident’s age and bodily strength. Any income realized through the labor of residents, together with the receipts from operation of the county farm if one is maintained, shall be appropriated for use by the county care facility as the board of supervisors directs.

[C51, §835, 836; R60, §1403, 1404; C73, §1375, 1376; C97, §2244; S13, §2244; C24, 27, 31, 35, §5342; C39, §3828.119; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, §253.5; [81 Acts, ch 117, §1043](#)]

C93, §347B.5

**347B.6 Order for admission.**

No person shall be admitted into the county care facility as a resident except upon order of the board of supervisors, which shall be issued only after the person seeking admission has received a preadmission physical examination by a physician. However, if the need for admission of the person to the county care facility is immediate and no physician is readily available to perform the examination, the board may order the person's admission pending an examination by a physician, any provisions of [sections 135C.3](#) and [135C.4](#) to the contrary notwithstanding. When an admission is so ordered, the physical examination shall be completed within three days after the person's admission to the county care facility.

[C51, §837; R60, §1405; C73, §1377; C97, §2244; S13, §2244; C24, 27, 31, 35, §5343; C39, §3828.120; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §253.6]  
C93, §347B.6

**347B.7** Reserved.**347B.8 Visitation and inspection.**

The board shall cause the county care facility to be visited at least once a month by one of its body, who shall carefully examine the condition of the residents and the manner in which they are fed and clothed and otherwise provided for and treated, ascertain what labor they are required to perform, inspect the books and accounts of the administrator, and look into all matters pertaining to the county care facility and its residents, and report to the board.

[C51, §842; R60, §1410; C73, §1380; C97, §2246; S13, §2246; C24, 27, 31, 35, §5345; C39, §3828.122; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §253.8]  
C93, §347B.8

**347B.9 Temporary admission.**

1. The district court may order temporary admission of persons under its jurisdiction to the county care facility until other arrangements are made for care of such persons.

2. A judge, magistrate, or judicial hospitalization referee shall make all placements to a county care facility pursuant to [section 135C.23](#).

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §253.9]

[87 Acts, ch 190, §3](#)

C93, §347B.9

[2021 Acts, ch 76, §150](#)

Code editor directive applied

**347B.10 through 347B.13** Reserved.**347B.14 Effect of approval of plans.**

When plans for construction or modification of a county care facility have been properly approved by the Iowa department of public health or other appropriate state agency, the facility constructed in accord with the plans so approved shall not for a period of at least ten years from completion of the construction or modification be considered deficient or ineligible for licensing by reason of failure to meet any regulation or standard established subsequent to approval of the construction and modification plans, unless a clear and present danger exists that would adversely affect the residents of the facility.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §253.14]

C93, §347B.14