

stitution operated in this state by any other agency of the United States to retain custody, or transfer, parole, or discharge the committed person.

Upon receipt of a certificate of the veterans administration or such other agency of the United States that facilities are available for the care or treatment of any person heretofore committed to any hospital for the insane or other institution for the care or treatment of persons similarly afflicted and that such person is eligible for care or treatment, the superintendent of the institution may cause the transfer of such person to the veterans administration or other agency of the United States for care or treatment. Upon effecting such transfer, the committing court or proper officer thereof shall be notified thereof by the transferring agency. No person shall be transferred to the veterans administration or other agency of the United States if he be confined pursuant to conviction of any felony or misdemeanor if he has been acquitted of the charge solely on the ground of insanity, unless prior to transfer the court or other authority originally committing such person shall enter an order for such transfer after appropriate motion and hearing.

Any person transferred as provided in this section shall be deemed to be committed to the veterans administration or other agency of the United States pursuant to the original commitment.

Approved April 24, 1953.

CHAPTER 724—S. F. No. 1711

An act relating to public institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 246.013, by adding a new subdivision thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 246.013, is hereby amended to read :

246.013 Mentally ill; care, treatment, examination. Within the limits of the appropriations for the division of public institutions, the director of public institutions is directed, in the performance of the duties imposed upon him by the laws of this state, to bring to the measure prescribed by section 246.012, the care and treatment of the mentally ill as speedily as is possible, and to thereafter, subject to the paramount authority of the Legislature with respect to appropria-

tions, maintain said standards in the care and treatment of the mentally ill.

The director of public institutions shall establish a screening staff or panel of three or more qualified persons to supervise the policies of the various mental hospitals as to both the admission and discharge of patients, to examine the records of all patients admitted, to examine personally all patients who from the records appear to justify a reasonable doubt as to the need of commitment or the need of continued confinement in a mental hospital and to further examine all patients in each mental hospital, (1) by record and (2) by examination of the patient in all instances where the examination of the record indicates reasonable doubt as to the patient's need to continue in a mental institution and report its findings to the director of public institutions.

Approved April 24, 1953.

CHAPTER 725—S. F. No. 1723

An act authorizing the director of social welfare to establish by rule and regulation the establishment of a county medical payments fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.12, Subdivision 17, enacted by Chapter 618, Laws of 1951.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.12, Subdivision 17, as enacted by Laws 1951, Chapter 618, is hereby amended to read:

Subd. 18. **Vendor of medical care.** "Vendor of medical care," as used in this chapter, shall encompass any person or persons furnishing, within the scope of his respective license, any or all of the following goods or services: medical, surgical, hospital, optical, dental, nursing services, drugs and medical supplies, appliances, laboratory, diagnostic and therapeutic services, nursing home and convalescent care and such other medical services or supplies provided or prescribed by persons authorized by state law to give such services and supplies.

The director of social welfare is hereby authorized to establish by rule and regulation methods for the provision on a prepayment basis, by non-profit hospital and medical service plans of any or all of the supplies or services enumerated in this section or *in lieu thereof may authorize by rule and regulation the establishment of a county medical payments fund within each county. This fund shall be established by a pre-*