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## GENERAL PROVISIONS 261.22

rections in appointing parole agents, and the department of personnel shall furnish the names of such candidates on request. This subdivision shall not apply to a political subdivision having a civil service or merit system unless the subdivision elects to be covered by this subdivision.

[For text of subs 3 to 6, see M.S.1974]

Subd. 7. This section shall not apply to Ramsey county.

[1975 c 258 s 5; 1975 c 381 s 21]

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#### 261.21 Hospitalization for indigent persons.

Subdivision 1. The county board of any county in this state is hereby authorized to provide for the hospitalization in hospitals within the county or elsewhere of indigent residents of such county who are afflicted with a malady, injury, deformity, or ailment of a nature which can probably be remedied by hospitalization and who are unable financially to secure and pay for such hospitalization or, in the case of an unemancipated minor, whose parent, guardian, trustee, or other person having lawful custody of his person, as the case may be, is unable to secure or provide such hospitalization.

Subd. 2. The county board may select the hospital at which the indigent person shall receive care.

[1975 c 437 art 2 s 9]

#### 261.22 Application filed.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1974]

**Subd. 2. Duties of county board.** If upon filing of such report and a full investigation of the application the county board shall be satisfied that the case is one which could be remedied by hospital treatment and that such afflicted person is financially unable to secure or provide the same for himself and that the persons legally charged with the support and maintenance of such person, if any there be, are financially unable to provide such hospitalization, the county board may grant or approve said application. If the county board is not so satisfied, it may take additional testimony or make such further investigation as it shall deem proper and it shall reject any application if it finds that the facts do not merit the expenditure of public money for the relief of such afflicted person. Upon the approving and granting such application and the relief therein prayed for, the chairman of such county board shall arrange for the hospitalization of such afflicted person, in a hospital selected by the county. If the county board shall find that the applicant or the person legally responsible for his support and maintenance is not able to pay in full but is able to pay in part for such hospitalization at such hospital, the county board may approve such application of such afflicted person on such terms of division of hospital charges and costs as it may deem equitable and just. The county board shall provide for taking such afflicted person to the hospital. When a physician certifies that an emergency exists in any case and that he believes that the person suffering is unable to pay for hospitalization such person shall be admitted to any such hospital upon the order of the chairman of the county board or upon the order of the county commissioner of the district in which such alleged indigent person resides;

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and thereafter an investigation shall be made in the manner hereinbefore provided. When a physician certifies in a case of an injury (or an emergency) that immediate surgical or medical treatment is necessary, the patient shall forthwith be admitted to any such hospital upon said certificate for a period not to exceed 72 hours; and thereafter an investigation shall be certified and made in the manner provided in sections 261.21 to 261.23.

[1975 c 437 art 2 s 10]

## 261.23 Costs of hospitalization.

The costs of hospitalization of such indigent persons exclusive of medical and surgical care and treatment shall not exceed in amount the full rates fixed and charged by the Minnesota general hospital under the provisions of sections 158.01 to 158.11 for the hospitalization of such indigent patients. Ninety percent of the cost of the hospitalization of indigent persons under the provisions of sections 261.21 to 261.232 shall be paid by the state and ten percent of the cost of hospitalization shall be paid by the county of the residence of such indigent persons at such times as may be provided for in such contract; and in case of an injury or emergency requiring immediate surgical or medical treatment, for a period not to exceed 72 hours, 90 percent of the cost shall be paid by the state and ten percent of the cost shall be paid by the county from which such patient, if indigent, is certified. If the county of residence of the patient is not the county in which the patient has legal settlement for the purposes of poor relief, then the county of residence may seek reimbursement from the county in which the patient has settlement for the purposes of poor relief for all costs it has necessarily incurred and paid in connection with the hospitalization of said patient.

[1975 c 437 art 2 s 11]

## 261.232 Duties of the commissioner of public welfare.

The commissioner of public welfare shall promulgate rules and regulations to establish administrative and fiscal procedures for payment of the state share of the costs incurred by the counties under sections 261.21 to 261.231. The rules and regulations may include:

(a) procedures by which state liability for the costs of hospitalization of indigent persons may be deducted from county liability to the state under any other public assistance program authorized by law;

(b) procedures for processing claims of counties for reimbursement by the state for expenditures made by the counties for the hospitalization of indigent persons; and

(c) standards for eligibility and utilization of medical care.

[1975 c 437 art 2 s 12]

## 261.233 Appropriation.

There is annually appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury to the commissioner of public welfare, a sum sufficient to discharge the duties imposed by Laws 1975, Chapter 437, Article 2.

[1975 c 437 art 2 s 13]

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