

**158.04 TRANSPORTATION OF PATIENTS; PAYMENT FOR BY COUNTY.**

Upon approval of such application, if the patient is unable to travel alone, the board of county commissioners may appoint a suitable official or person to take the patient to the University of Minnesota Hospitals and such person shall receive actual and necessary expenses; and, if not a salaried officer of the state, or any subdivision thereof, shall receive in addition \$3 per day for the time actually and necessarily consumed in transporting the patient to the hospital and returning. The traveling expenses of the patient, the per diem and expenses of the person appointed to accompany the patient, and 30 percent of the first \$5,000 of the expense charged against the patient while an inmate of the hospital shall be paid by the county of residence of the patient and it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners to provide for such payment.

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.

**History:** (4580) 1921 c 411 s 4; 1927 c 431 s 1; 1943 c 31 s 2; 1945 c 553; 1976 c 163 s 30; 1986 c 444