

**246.15 MONEY OF PATIENTS OR RESIDENTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Record keeping of money.** The head of the state-operated services facility or designee under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of human services may have the care and custody of all money belonging to patients or residents which may come into the head of the state-operated services facility or designee's hands. The head of the state-operated services facility or designee shall keep accurate accounts of the money, and pay them out under rules prescribed by law or by the commissioner of human services, taking vouchers for the money. All money received by any officer or employee shall be paid to the head of the state-operated services facility or designee immediately. Every head of the state-operated services facility or designee, at the close of each month, or earlier if required by the commissioner, shall forward to the commissioner a statement of the amount of all money received and the names of the patients or residents from whom received, accompanied by a check for the amount, payable to the commissioner of management and budget. On receipt of the statement, the commissioner shall transmit the statement along with a check to the commissioner of management and budget. Upon the payment of the check, the amount shall be credited to a fund to be known as "Client Fund," for the institution from which the check was received. All funds shall be paid out by the commissioner of management and budget upon vouchers duly approved by the commissioner of human services. The commissioner may permit a contingent fund to remain in the hands of the head of the state-operated services facility or designee of the institution from which necessary expenditures may be made.

Subd. 2. **Correctional inmates fund.** Any money in the inmates fund provided for in this section, belonging to inmates of state institutions under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of corrections shall be immediately transferred by the commissioner of human services to the correctional inmates' fund created by section 241.08.

Subd. 3. **Savings account.** The commissioner of human services shall create a savings account for each patient receiving treatment in a secure treatment facility as defined by section 253B.02, subdivision 18a. The source of money to be deposited in this account shall come from a portion of the patient's share of the cost of care. The money in this savings account shall be made available to the patient when the patient is ready to be transitioned into the community. The money in the account shall be used for expenses associated with obtaining housing and other personal needs necessary for the patient's smooth transition into the community. The savings account shall be called "forensic patient transition savings account."

**History:** (4439) *RL s 1891; 1907 c 280 s 1; 1961 c 750 s 15 subds 1,2; 1973 c 492 s 14; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444; 1991 c 326 s 10; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 32; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 6 s 27; 2004 c 288 art 3 s 11; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109*