

**246.41 BENEFIT FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Acceptance.** The commissioner of human services is authorized to accept, for and in behalf of the state, contributions of money for the use and benefit of persons with developmental disabilities.

Subd. 2. **Special welfare fund.** Any money so received by the commissioner shall be deposited with the commissioner of management and budget in a special welfare fund, which fund is to be used by the commissioner of human services for the benefit of persons with developmental disabilities within the state, including those within state hospitals. And, without excluding other possible uses, research relating to persons with developmental disabilities shall be considered an appropriate use of such funds; but such funds shall not be used for any structures or installations which by their nature would require state expenditures for their operation or maintenance without specific legislative enactment therefor.

Subd. 3. **Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the special welfare fund in the state treasury to such persons as are entitled thereto to carry out the provisions stated in this section.

**History:** 1953 c 519 s 1; 1959 c 158 s 17; 1983 c 10 s 1; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1985 c 21 s 13; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 2005 c 56 s 1; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109