

**246.50 CARE OF CLIENTS AT STATE FACILITIES; DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 246.50 to 246.55, the terms set out in subdivisions 2 to 8 shall have the meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services of the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 3. **State facility.** "State facility" means any state facility owned or operated by the state of Minnesota and under the programmatic direction or fiscal control of the commissioner, except the Minnesota sex offender program under chapter 246B. State facility includes regional treatment centers; the state nursing homes; state-operated, community-based programs; and other facilities owned or operated by the state and under the commissioner's control.

Subd. 3a. [Repealed, 1989 c 282 art 2 s 219]

Subd. 4. **Client.** "Client" means any person receiving services at a state facility, whether or not those services require occupancy of a bed overnight.

Subd. 4a. [Repealed, 1989 c 282 art 2 s 219]

Subd. 5. **Cost of care.** "Cost of care" means the commissioner's charge for services provided to any person admitted to a state facility.

For purposes of this subdivision, "charge for services" means the usual and customary fee charged for services provided to clients. The usual and customary fee shall be established in a manner required to appropriately bill services to all payers and shall include the costs related to the operations of any program offered by the state.

Subd. 6. **Relatives.** "Relatives" means the spouse, and parents of a client, in that order of liability for cost of care.

Subd. 7. **Client's county.** "Client's county" means the county of the client's legal settlement for poor relief purposes at the time of commitment or voluntary admission to a state facility, or if the client has no such legal settlement in this state, it means the county of commitment, except that where a client with no such legal settlement is committed while serving a sentence at a penal institution, it means the county from which the client was sentenced.

Subd. 8. **Local social services agency.** "Local social services agency" means the local social services agency of the client's county as defined in subdivision 7 and of the county of commitment, and any other local social services agency possessing information regarding, or requested by the commissioner to investigate, the financial circumstances of a client or relatives thereof.

Subd. 9. [Repealed, 1989 c 282 art 2 s 219]

Subd. 10. **State-operated community-based program.** "State-operated community-based program" means any program operated in the community including community behavioral health hospitals, crisis centers, residential facilities, outpatient services, and other community-based services developed and operated by the state and under the commissioner's control.

Subd. 11. **Health plan company.** "Health plan company" has the meaning given it in section 62Q.01, subdivision 4, and also includes a demonstration provider as defined in section 256B.69, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), a county or group of counties participating in county-based purchasing according to section 256B.692, and a children's mental health collaborative under contract to provide medical assistance for individuals enrolled in the prepaid medical assistance and MinnesotaCare programs under sections 245.493 to 245.495.

**History:** 1959 c 578 s 1; 1967 c 386 s 1; 1969 c 205 s 1; 1971 c 637 s 1-4; 1973 c 235 s 1; 1982 c 641 art 1 s 4,5; 1984 c 534 s 12; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1985 c 21 s 14; 1986 c 394 s 4; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 403 art 2 s 46-50; 1989 c 271 s 32; 1989 c 282 art 2 s 87-89,218; 1994 c 465 art 3 s 26; 1994 c 631 s 31; 2009 c 79 art 3 s 1-3; 2009 c 173 art 1 s 11