

**246.54 LIABILITY OF COUNTY; REIMBURSEMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **County portion for cost of care.** (a) Except for chemical dependency services provided under sections 254B.01 to 254B.09, the client's county shall pay to the state of Minnesota a portion of the cost of care provided in a regional treatment center or a state nursing facility to a client legally settled in that county. A county's payment shall be made from the county's own sources of revenue and payments shall equal a percentage of the cost of care, as determined by the commissioner, for each day, or the portion thereof, that the client spends at a regional treatment center or a state nursing facility according to the following schedule:

- (1) zero percent for the first 30 days;
- (2) 20 percent for days 31 to 60; and
- (3) 50 percent for any days over 60.

(b) The increase in the county portion for cost of care under paragraph (a), clause (3), shall be imposed when the treatment facility has determined that it is clinically appropriate for the client to be discharged.

(c) If payments received by the state under sections 246.50 to 246.53 exceed 80 percent of the cost of care for days 31 to 60, or 50 percent for days over 60, the county shall be responsible for paying the state only the remaining amount. The county shall not be entitled to reimbursement from the client, the client's estate, or from the client's relatives, except as provided in section 246.53.

Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** (a) Subdivision 1 does not apply to services provided at the Minnesota Security Hospital or the Minnesota extended treatment options program. For services at these facilities, a county's payment shall be made from the county's own sources of revenue and payments shall be paid as follows: payments to the state from the county shall equal ten percent of the cost of care, as determined by the commissioner, for each day, or the portion thereof, that the client spends at the facility. If payments received by the state under sections 246.50 to 246.53 exceed 90 percent of the cost of care, the county shall be responsible for paying the state only the remaining amount. The county shall not be entitled to reimbursement from the client, the client's estate, or from the client's relatives, except as provided in section 246.53.

(b) Regardless of the facility to which the client is committed, subdivision 1 does not apply to the following individuals:

- (1) clients who are committed as mentally ill and dangerous under section 253B.02, subdivision 17;
- (2) clients who are committed as sexual psychopathic personalities under section 253B.02, subdivision 18b; and
- (3) clients who are committed as sexually dangerous persons under section 253B.02, subdivision 18c.

For each of the individuals in clauses (1) to (3), the payment by the county to the state shall equal ten percent of the cost of care for each day as determined by the commissioner.

**History:** 1959 c 578 s 5; 1971 c 637 s 6; 1981 c 360 art 2 s 17; 1985 c 21 s 18; 1986 c 394 s 6; 1989 c 282 art 2 s 91,218; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 3 s 4; 2007 c 147 art 8 s 12,13; 2009 c 79 art 3 s 8