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**CHAPTER 496.**

AN ACT to amend 50.08 of the statutes, relating to tuberculosis treatment at public health dispensaries.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 50.08 of the statutes is amended to read:

50.08 (1) Any county may establish and maintain an outpatient department or a public health dispensary for tuberculosis and other \* \* \* *pulmonary diseases, which department may be housed in the county sanatorium and may enjoy the use of its facilities and personnel.* In counties whose population is 250,000 or more such institutions shall be governed either pursuant to section 46.21, or sections 46.18 and 46.19. In all other counties it shall be governed pursuant to sections 46.18 and 46.19.

(2) Any county which provides outpatient treatment in a county institution to a person who presents the certificate mentioned in section 50.07 (1) *and who receives diagnostic services or treatment which extend for a period of more than 12 hours in duration* shall be credited by the state, to be adjusted as provided in section 50.11 for each patient cared for at public charge, as follows:

\* \* \* (a) For each treatment given to a patient whose care is chargeable against \* \* \* *any county, one-seventh of the amount paid by the state per week to the county under section 50.07 (3) (a)* \* \* \*.

\* \* \* (b) For each treatment given to a patient whose care is chargeable against some other county, one-seventh of the \* \* \* *weekly per capita cost of care as determined by the county sanatorium and the state board of health, or if there is no county sanatorium in the county providing the outpatient treatment, one-seventh of the weekly per capita cost of care at the state tuberculosis sanatorium; the state shall charge over to such other county an excess over the amount* \* \* \* *specified in paragraph (a).*

(3) *Where diagnostic services or treatment required by a patient in any outpatient department shall be completed within a period of less than 12 hours in duration, the deter-*

*mination of legal settlement required in section 50.11 may be waived. For each patient cared for at public charge or at a fee of less than one-seventh of the applicable weekly per capita cost, the county shall be credited by the state one-seventh of the amount paid by the state per week under section 50.07 (3) (a). Such treatment shall not be considered as a patient day in computation of per capita costs of the county sanatorium.*

*(4) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any patient from paying for outpatient department care at fees established and approved by the county sanatorium or the state board of health.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1949.

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