

## CHAPTER 142

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN HOSPITAL AND CLINICS

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**142.07 Hospital charges. (1) RATES.** The university of Wisconsin hospital and clinics shall treat patients so admitted at rates computed in the following manner:

(a) *Room rate.* The superintendent shall establish with the approval of the board of regents a schedule of room rates for patients which may be adjusted by the superintendent with the approval of the board of regents to meet changes in the cost of operation. As used in this section "room rates" includes the charges for meals and for ordinary nursing care.

(c) *Ancillary services.* All services provided except those covered by the room rate shall be charged for in accordance with a schedule established and maintained for public inspection by the university of Wisconsin hospital and clinics.

(3) **INDIAN CHILDREN.** Indian children whose hospital care is to be paid from funds granted the office of Indian affairs, U.S. department of interior, shall be admitted to the university of Wisconsin hospital and clinics at the rates established under sub. (1).

(4) **ADDITIONAL CHARGES FORBIDDEN.** The university of Wisconsin hospital and clinics may not charge any compensation other than the amount provided by the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system for any of the following patients:

(a) Any general relief recipient referred to the hospital or its clinics by the county director of public welfare or social services.

(b) Any person committed to the department of health and social services and referred to the hospital or its clinics under s. 46.115.

(c) Any child referred to the hospital or its clinics by the children's consultation service of a mental health institute under s. 46.041.

(d) Any pupil referred to the hospital or its clinics by the state superintendent of public instruction under s. 115.53 (4).

(e) Any American Indian child whose care is being paid under sub. (3).

**History:** 1971 c. 100 s. 23; 1975 c. 39 ss. 631m, 732 (1); 1977 c. 29; 1977 c. 418 ss. 628, 924 (50); 1977 c. 447 s. 206; 1977 c. 449; 1981 c. 314; 1983 a. 27

**142.09 Soldiers preferred patients.** In admitting patients to the hospital, preference shall be given to honorably discharged veterans of any of the wars of the United States or who is otherwise eligible for benefits from the department of veterans affairs. Preference is hereby defined to mean that whenever the superintendent of the hospital is notified that the applicant is such a veteran, such veteran shall be the next person so admitted to the hospital, except in case of an emergency.

**142.10 War veterans' privileges. (1)** It is the intent of this section to provide care including professional service at the university of Wisconsin hospital and clinics to Wisconsin veterans, herein defined.

(2) Wisconsin veterans for purposes of this section are defined as any honorably discharged veteran of any war of the United States or who is otherwise eligible for benefits from the department of veterans affairs. Such veteran must have been a resident of this state for not less than 5 years next immediately preceding his application for admission.

(3) The superintendent of the university of Wisconsin hospital and clinics shall determine the financial status of a Wisconsin veteran who applies for benefits under this section. Such determination shall only consider benefits which would accrue to the veteran because of hospitalization insurance the veteran may carry. Based on these findings the superintendent shall authorize reductions in the total cost of care to the veteran. Such reductions shall be limited so that as a minimum the veteran shall pay a daily rate of one-half the average daily cost permitted under s. 142.07 (1) (a) and (c) for the prior 6-month period ending June 30, and December 31. The adjustment of charges based on the 6-month period ending June 30 shall be made on September 1, and the adjustment of charges based on the 6-month period ending December 31 shall be made on March 1. The adjustment in charges shall be in effect for all patient bills prepared until the following adjustment. If such veteran elects to be admitted to

said hospital as a private patient the veteran shall be liable for all professional fees incurred, but shall be eligible for benefits under this section for hospital care. In determining the veteran's share of the cost of care, the superintendent shall first apply all insurance and third-party payments to the total cost and apportion any remaining costs equally between the veteran and the state. The portion of costs paid by the state shall be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (vm) to the university of Wisconsin system as provided under s. 20.285 (1) (kb).

(4) The provisions of this section shall become effective on July 1, 1963 and shall not

affect the charges payable by any such veteran who is hospitalized in the university of Wisconsin hospital and clinics prior to the effective date.

**History:** 1975 c. 39, 199; 1977 c. 418 s. 924 (50); 1977 c. 447 s. 206; 1979 c. 34 s. 2102 (56) (a); 1981 c. 20; 1983 a. 27 s. 2202 (20).

**142.11 Subject to ch. 150.** The university of Wisconsin hospital and clinics is subject to ch. 150.

**History:** 1977 c. 29; 1977 c. 418 s. 924 (50); 1977 c. 477 s. 206.