

patient. *Any person covered by or insured under such plan shall be free to choose for sickness care any medical or osteopathic physician licensed to practice in Wisconsin who has agreed to abide by such plan according to its terms and no such physician or osteopath shall be required to participate exclusively in any such plan.*

SECTION 2. 148.01 (3) (b), (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

148.01 (3) (b) Such plan shall be exempt from the state insurance laws except those provisions relating to nondiscriminatory rates contained in section 201.53, investments contained in section 201.25 and premium reserves contained in section 201.18 (1).

(c) The society shall file with the commissioner of insurance a written declaration defining the organization and structure of the proposed sickness care plan and its area of operations and shall file any amendments or changes thereto. There shall also be filed with the commissioner specimen copies of all contracts with the insured and with the participating physicians and surgeons and the form of such contracts must be approved by the commissioner.

(d) The provisions of section 148.01 (3) (c) shall not apply to any plan nor to any revisions thereof in existence on the effective date of this paragraph, nor to any contracts for the care of the indigent, nor shall any provision of chapter 148 be construed to apply to any corporation, association, or organization not a body corporate under said chapter.

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CHAPTER 495.

AN ACT to amend 74.62 of the statutes, relating to the payment of taxes by grantors and grantees.

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

74.62 of the statutes is amended to read:

74.62 TAXES: PAYMENT BY GRANTOR AND GRANTEE. As between grantor and grantee of any land, when there is no express

agreement as to which shall pay the taxes assessed thereon for the year in which the conveyance is made, * * * *the grantor shall be chargeable with and pay to the grantee an amount there-of equal to one-twelfth of the taxes assessed against such land for the preceding calendar year multiplied by the number of months in the current calendar year which have elapsed prior to the date of the conveyance, including the month in which the conveyance is made if such conveyance occurs after the fifteenth day thereof.*

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CHAPTER 496.

AN ACT to amend 49.26 (7) of the statutes, relating to old-age assistance.

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

49.26 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.26 (7) The county court in which the estate is probated may authorize the payment of an attorney's fee of 10 per cent but not in excess of \$50 for the collection of an old-age pension lien or other payment, or legal work in connection with the administration of any estate for the recovery of an old-age assistance lien. The court in which such an old-age assistance lien is foreclosed as provided in subsection (4) may authorize likewise the payment of such an attorney's fee but not in excess of \$50. The county pension department *with the consent of the county board* shall be authorized to make and pay for necessary and essential repairs or purchase outstanding tax certificates *or to pay balances due on land contracts so as to enable a recipient of old-age assistance to receive a deed, or to pay and cause to be satisfied existing mortgages or any other prior liens* on such property as the county may have on old-age assistance lien.

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