

territory specified in its articles on January 1, 1937 * * * and may increase its territory to the whole of any four of the counties in which it now does business.

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CHAPTER 215.

AN ACT to amend 49.18 (2) of the statutes, relating to emergency medical relief.

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

49.18 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.18 (2) Except in counties having a population of 250,000 or more, the town, city, village or county, as the case may be, shall be liable for the hospitalization of *and care rendered by a physician and surgeon* to a person entitled to relief under this chapter, without previously authorizing the same, when, in the reasonable opinion of a physician called to attend such person, immediate *care and* hospitalization is required, for indispensable emergency operation or treatment, and prior authorization * * * *therefor* cannot be obtained without delay likely to be injurious to the patient. There shall be no liability for such *care and* hospitalization beyond what is reasonably required by the circumstances of the case, and liability shall not attach unless, within 24 hours after admission of the patient, * * * *written notices by the attending physician and by the hospital* be mailed or delivered to the official designated in subsection (1), reciting the name and address of the patient, so far as known, and the nature of the illness or injury, and the probable duration of *necessary treatment and* hospitalization. Any municipality giving any such person aid or hospitalization as provided in this section, and such person is a legal resident in some other town, village, city or county, such municipality may recover from such other municipality as provided in section 49.03.

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