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CHAPTER 154

AN ACT to amend 20.410 (23) ; to repeal and recreate 50.06 ; and to create 20.410 (49) of the statutes, relating to public health dispensaries for persons suffering from tuberculosis and other pulmonary diseases, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.410 (23) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.410 (23) OUTPATIENT TREATMENT AT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISPENSARIES. Annually, beginning July 1, * * * 1963, such sums as may be necessary for state aid for outpatient *diagnoses or treatments at * * * public health dispensaries shall be expended as provided in s. 50.06 * * * (6).*

SECTION 2. 20.410 (49) of the statutes is created to read:

20.410 (49) FEES FOR OUTPATIENT SERVICE. All fees collected under s. 50.06 (6) by the state board of health shall be paid within one week into the general fund and are appropriated therefrom to the state board for the execution of its function under s. 50.06.

SECTION 3. 50.06 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

50.06 PUBLIC HEALTH DISPENSARIES. (1) Counties with populations in excess of 25,000 may establish and maintain public health dispensaries, and branches thereof where necessary, for the diagnosis and treatment of persons suffering from or suspected of having tuberculosis or other pulmonary diseases. Two or more counties may jointly establish, operate and maintain such dispensaries in order to serve a total population of not less than 25,000. Counties may contract with each other for public health dispensary services. The state board of health and state auditor shall be notified of the establishment of such dispensaries and any contracts pertaining thereto. The state board of health may establish, operate and maintain public health dispensaries and branches in areas of the state where local authorities have not provided such facilities.

(2) Where the operation and maintenance of a sanatorium is discontinued, counties may operate a public health dispensary as provided in sub. (1).

(3) A county or counties jointly, and the state board of health, may contract with other agencies, hospitals and individuals for the use of neces-

sary space, equipment, facilities and personnel to operate a public health dispensary.

(4) Dispensaries established by counties which also maintain and operate a sanatorium shall be operated by the same board of trustees operating the sanatorium. Dispensaries established by counties not maintaining and operating a sanatorium shall be under the direction of a board of trustees appointed as prescribed in s. 50.01. Dispensaries established and operated by more than one county shall have joint representation.

(5) Fees may but need not be charged for services rendered in public health dispensaries operated by one or more counties or the state board of health. A schedule of fees shall be established by the respective operating agencies and shall be based upon reasonable costs. A copy of such schedule and any subsequent changes shall be forwarded to the state board of health and the state auditor. Fees received by the state board of health shall be used as a nonlapsing appropriation for the maintenance and operation of its public health dispensaries together with other funds received for this purpose.

(6) (a) The state shall credit or reimburse each county on an annual basis for the operation of public health dispensaries established and maintained in accordance with this section, as provided in s. 50.09 (2), (3) and (4).

(b) The state reimbursement for each patient visit as established in pars. (c) and (d) shall amount to one-seventh of the state credit as established in s. 50.04 (7) (a) but in no instance shall the total of the fee received plus the state credit exceed the cost in the schedule provided in sub. (5).

(c) Not more than one patient visit for any person shall be credited within a period of less than 12 hours, nor for any visit made solely for the receipt of drugs and not requiring professional medical services; nor shall more than one visit be credited where a single fee has been established for a particular service, nor for services not rendered within the premises of the dispensary.

(d) State aid shall not be credited for visits made by a person who does not have symptoms of, or evidence by medical examination indicating suspicion of clinical tuberculosis, unless such person has X-ray evidence to such effect or is known to have converted from a negative to a positive tuberculin test within a period of 3 years, or who has a positive tuberculin test and is a close school or close employment contact to a known active case, or is a household contact to such a case.

(7) Drugs necessary for the treatment of tuberculosis may be dispensed to patients through the public health dispensaries on a basis not to exceed the costs of such drugs and reasonable handling charges. Drugs required in quantity may be made available to the dispensaries through the state bureau of purchases and services on a cost basis.

(8) Where services or treatment required by a person in any public health dispensary are completed within a period of less than 12 hours in duration, a determination of legal settlement is not required. When services or treatment required exceed 12 hours then such person may be referred to a sanatorium for inpatient care as provided in s. 50.09. Where a public health dispensary is located in a tuberculosis sanatorium, treatment of less than 12 hours duration shall not be considered as a patient day in the computation of per capita costs of such sanatorium.

(9) Public health dispensaries shall maintain such records as are required by the state board of health to enable them to carry out their responsibilities designated in this section. Records shall be submitted annually to the state board of health as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year and not later than August 15 following.

(10) All public health dispensaries and branches thereof shall maintain separate records of costs and receipts which shall be audited annually by the department of state audit. No costs of a public health dispensary or its branches shall be charged to the maintenance costs of patients in any public institution including sanatoria or joint institutions.

SECTION 4. This bill is declared to be an emergency bill, in accordance with the requirements of section 16.47 (2) of the statutes.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1963.

Approved July 1, 1963.
