

Web Materials

Minnesota Statutes for Payment of Medical Services in County Correctional Facilities

Continue General Assistance Medical Care While Incarcerated in County Jails

M.S. 256D.03, subd (3)(j): “General assistance medical care is not available for a person in a correctional facility unless the person is detained by law for less than one year in a county correctional or detention facility as a person accused or convicted of a crime, or admitted as an inpatient to a hospital on a criminal hold order, and the person is a recipient of general assistance medical care at the time the person is detained by law or admitted on a criminal hold order and as long as the person continues to meet the other eligibility requirements of this subdivision.”

Collect from Insurance Companies

M.S. 641.15, subd. 2: “If a prisoner is covered by health or medical insurance or other health plan when medical services are provided, the county providing the medical services has a right of subrogation to be reimbursed by the insurance carrier for all sums spent by it for medical services to the prisoner that are covered by the policy of insurance or health plan, in accordance with the benefits, limitations, exclusions, provider restrictions, and other provisions of the policy or health plan. The county may maintain an action to enforce this subrogation right.”

Suspension, not Termination of Medical Assistance Eligibility

M.S. 256B.055, subd. 14: “An individual who is enrolled in medical assistance who is charged with a crime and incarcerated for less than 12 months shall be suspended from eligibility at the time of incarceration until the individual is released. Upon release, medical assistance eligibility is reinstated without reapplication using a reinstatement process and form, if the individual is otherwise eligible.”