

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE - CODE OF ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 21 - GENERAL RELIEF

(1) MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE PROVIDED PRIOR TO 13 DEC 1982

- (a) The town bears the full cost of medical and dental care furnished as general relief, including emergency care provided under s. 49.02(5), Stats.
- (b) There is no limit on the amount which medical care providers may bill for such care.
- (c) The courts held that a municipality which administers general relief, must pay the full amount which is billed for covered medical services provided to eligible persons.
- (d) These costs may place a large burden on the municipal treasury and local property taxpayers, which is difficult to anticipate and properly provide for in the annual budget.
- (e) Chapter 317, Wisconsin Statutes, 1981, contains provisions which authorize any municipality to limit its liability for medical and dental care furnished as general relief, including emergency care provided under s. 49.02(5), Stats., to the amount payable by medical assistance for similar care.

(2) LIABILITY LIMITS ESTABLISHED

The town board hereby limits the its liability for all medical and dental care furnished as general relief after the effective date of this ordinance; to the amount payable by medical assistance under ss. 49.43 to 49.47, Stats., for similar care.

(3) NOTIFICATION OF EFFECTED PARTY

A copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the local medical society, and the appropriate hospitals and clinics in the area, which provide medical or dental care to persons eligible for, or receiving general relief from the Town of Cottage Grove.

(4) EFFECTIVE DATE

- (a) The original ordinance was adopted on 13 Dec 1982.
- (b) This section shall take effect upon passage and publication.

CHAPTER 21 - GENERAL RELIEF