

CHAPTER 223

AN ACT to create 50.065 of the statutes, relating to joint county home and county tuberculosis sanatorium in counties other than those having a population of 500,000 or more.

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

50.065 of the statutes is created to read:

50.065 JOINT COUNTY HOME AND COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM. (1) Such portions of the buildings, grounds and facilities of an established county tuberculosis sanatorium not needed for hospitalization or treatment of tuberculous patients and such improvements and additions as the county board of supervisors may make in connection therewith, may be established and used as a county home for the aged or a unit thereof when the board of supervisors of the county by a majority vote of its members so determines and makes provision therefor in accordance with this section.

(2) No county home or unit thereof so established shall be used or occupied for such purpose unless and until:

(a) The facilities used as a county home for the aged are separated from the remaining facilities used as a tuberculosis sanatorium in a manner designed to prevent the spread of tuberculosis and approved by the state board of health.

(b) The buildings thereof are disinfected in a manner approved by the state health officer; and

(c) Adequate provision is made for sanitation of dishes and tableware and precaution is taken to prevent food contamination and introduction of a source of infection to the county home unit, in accordance with such methods and standards as the state board of health may prescribe.

(3) Management of the 2 jointly housed units shall be separate and distinct. The county home unit shall for all purposes be deemed part of, and managed and operated by the same authorities as any previously established and existing county home of the county. Except as herein otherwise provided and so far as applicable ss. 50.06 and 50.07 shall continue to apply to a jointly housed county tuberculosis sanatorium and ss. 49.14 and 49.15 shall apply to a jointly housed county home or unit thereof.

(4) When separate facilities for any such services are not provided for each institution the trustees of the county tuberculosis sanatorium shall hold and manage, employ necessary employes to operate and do the purchasing for the operation of a common kitchen, laundry, heating plant, power plant, water supply or other joint facilities, for the use and benefit of both institutions. The cost of each such joint service shall be apportioned to and borne by each institution on the basis of comparative use and benefit, in conformity to the following provisions:

(a) The total costs of food and food preparation, including the salaries of kitchen personnel, shall be apportioned on the basis of the number of meals served the patients and employes of each of the 2 institutions.

(b) The total costs of utilities such as light, electricity, water, and gas, including the salaries of the personnel involved, shall be apportioned

on the basis of the total square footage for the area housing each of the 2 institutions.

(c) The total cost of the heat, including the salaries of personnel involved, shall be apportioned on the basis of the cubic footage utilized by each of the 2 institutions.

(d) The total cost of the operation of a laundry, including salaries of personnel, shall be apportioned on either the basis of the number of patients in each of the 2 institutions or the weight of the laundry handled from each institution.

(5) For the purpose of accounting and computing the actual per capita cost of caring for or maintaining persons in the county home and county tuberculosis sanatorium each shall be apportioned such portion of the depreciable buildings and facilities occupied, controlled and managed by them.

(6) Each institution shall keep such records necessary for proper bookkeeping and accounting as the state department of public welfare and the state board of health may require.

(7) This section shall not apply to counties having a population of over 500,000.

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