

2023 Kansas Statutes

19-4444. Approval of expenditures and claims; cost of medical care of prisoners paid from county general fund or by the state; reimbursement from prisoner. (a) Except as provided by subsection (b), the agency shall approve all expenditures to be made by and claims to be paid on behalf of such agency and the law enforcement department and shall certify the same to the board of county commissioners of the county to be allowed from the funds provided for the operation of such agency and department.

(b) (1) If a person is stopped by or is in the custody of a law enforcement officer, as defined in K.S.A. 22-2202, and amendments thereto, who is an employee of the state and such person is injured by the officer while acting within the scope of such officer's authority, costs incurred for medical care and treatment of the person shall be paid by the state if such care and treatment is required due to the injury and a determination has been made that the person has no other resources. When such medical expenses have been paid by the state, the state may seek reimbursement of such expenses from the prisoner. If the state determines that the prisoner is covered under a current individual or group accident and health insurance policy, medical service plan contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society or health maintenance organization contract, then the state may require the prisoner or the provider rendering health care services to the prisoner to submit a claim for such health care services rendered in accordance with the prisoner's policy or contract.

(2) All other costs incurred by the agency or department for medical care and treatment of prisoners held within the county shall be paid from the county general fund when a determination has been made that the prisoner has no other resources. When medical expenses have been paid out of the county general fund of any county in this state adopting the provisions of K.S.A. 19-4424 et seq., and amendments thereto, for a prisoner held within such county, the county may seek reimbursement of such expenses from the prisoner. If the county determines that a prisoner of the county jail is covered under a current individual or group accident and health insurance policy, medical service plan contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society or health maintenance organization contract, then the county may require the prisoner of such county jail or the provider rendering health care services to the prisoner to submit a claim for such health care services rendered in accordance with the prisoner's policy or contract.

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