N.D. Cent. Code § 23-46-02. Emergency medical services advisory council: Emergency Medical Services

The state department of health shall establish an emergency medical services advisory council. The department shall consider the recommendations of the council on the plan for integrated emergency medical services in the state, development of emergency medical services funding areas, development of the emergency medical services funding areas application process and budget criteria, and other issues relating to emergency medical services as determined by the state health officer.

N.D. Cent. Code § 23-46-03. Emergency medical services funding areas: Emergency Medical Services

The state department of health shall establish and update biennially a plan for integrated emergency medical services in this state. The plan must identify ambulance operations areas, emergency medical services funding areas that require state financial assistance to operate a minimally reasonable level of emergency medical services, and a minimum reasonable cost for an emergency medical services operation. The department shall designate emergency medical services funding areas based on criteria adopted by the health council and published in the North Dakota Administrative Code.

N.D. Cent. Code § 23-46-04. State financial assistance for emergency medical services —

Confidential information — Annual allocation: Emergency Medical Services

Emergency medical services operations that request financial assistance from the state must provide requested fiscal information to the state department of health for use in financial assistance determinations. The state department of health shall determine annually the allocation amount of state financial assistance for each emergency medical services funding area based on the department's determination of:

- 1. The minimum annual funding necessary to operate the emergency medical services operation or service designated to operate in the ambulance funding area, based on the financial needs unique to each emergency medical services funding area.
- 2. Required local matching funds commensurate with at least ten dollars per capita within the emergency medical services funding area.

N.D. Cent. Code §§ 26.1-07.1-01 through 26.1-07.1-05: Jurisdiction over Providers of Health Care Benefits

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as provided herein, any person or other entity, other than an insurance company duly licensed in this or another state which provides coverage in this state for medical, surgical, chiropractic, physical therapy, speech pathology, audiology, professional mental health, dental, hospital, or optometric expenses, whether such coverage is by direct payment, reimbursement, or otherwise, must be presumed to be subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner unless the person or other entity shows that while providing such services it is subject to the jurisdiction of another agency of this state, any subdivisions thereof, or the federal government.

N.D. Cent. Code § 50-06.3-01. Definitions: Public Welfare — Fees and Expenses

As used in this chapter, "department" means the department of human services, including the state hospital.

N.D. Cent. Code § 50-06.3-02. Fees for services at regional centers: Public Welfare — Fees and Expenses

The department may charge and collect fees and expenses for services provided through its regional human service centers, and may authorize charging of fees for child support services. The department may establish fee scales which recognize the service recipient's or responsible relative's ability to pay. The department shall adopt such rules as are necessary to implement this chapter and to define terms used in this chapter.

N.D. Cent. Code § 50-06.3-03. Fees and expenses chargeable against patients: Public Welfare — Fees and Expenses

Expenses for care and treatment of each patient at the state hospital must be in accordance with the cost of providing care and treatment for the different degrees or conditions of mental and physical health and charges may be adjusted in accordance with the patient's or other responsible party's ability to pay which must include an estimate of potential future receipts including amounts from estates. The department shall recover expenses charged for care and treatment. The department may not recover expenses under this chapter for care and treatment of a patient transferred to the state hospital from a jail or regional corrections center. If any patient is receiving social security benefits or is a veteran who has received, is

receiving, or is entitled to receive compensation or pension from the veterans' administration, the expenses are a current claim against the patient and may be recovered monthly by the department except that any amount required by the payor of the benefits to be paid directly to the patient must be credited to the patient's personal account from any money thus received.

N.D. Cent. Code § 50-06.3-04. Liability for payment: Public Welfare — Fees and Expenses

The recipient, patient, recipient's or patient's estate, and recipient's or patient's spouse are liable for fees and expenses for services rendered by the department, through its regional human service centers, and for care and treatment expenses charged at the state hospital. The parents of a recipient or patient are responsible for services, care, and treatment provided prior to the eighteenth birthday of the recipient or patient.

N.D. Cent. Code § 50-06.3-05. Handicapped patients — Limitation: Public Welfare — Fees and Expenses

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no handicapped patient under twenty-one years of age or the estate or the parent of such patient may be charged for educational or related services provided at the state hospital. However, the department has prior claim on all benefits accruing to such patients for medical and medically related services under entitlement from the federal government, medical or hospital insurance contracts, workforce safety and insurance, or medical care and disability provisions of programs administered by the department. For the purposes of this section, "related services" means transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services, as determined by the department of public instruction, as are required to assist a handicapped patient to benefit from special education. The cost of related services, other than medical and medically related

services, must be paid by the state hospital, the school district of residence of the handicapped child, and other appropriate state agencies and political subdivisions of this state. The department of public instruction, the department, the school district of residence, and other appropriate state agencies and political subdivisions, as determined by the department of public instruction, shall determine and agree to that portion of related services, other than medical and medically related services, for which each such agency and political subdivision shall be liable. The department of public instruction may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

N.D. Cent. Code § 50-06.3-06. Application for waiver of fees and expenses — Review procedure: Public Welfare — Fees and Expenses

Any person liable for the expenses of care and treatment at the state hospital may make application to the department to pay less than the expenses charged. The application must be accompanied by proof of the applicant's inability to pay.