

Dakota County Mandate Recommendation

Medical Assistance Costs for Under-65 Disabled in Nursing Homes			
Mandate	Statute	Rule	Comment
Eliminate County Share for Medical Assistance costs for Under-65 Disabled Placed in Nursing homes more than 90 days and for certain ICF/MR and IMD Placements	256B.19		<p>Currently, the state requires counties to pay the indicated portion of the nonfederal share of medical assistance costs for stays in excess of 90 days in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% for individuals placed in intermediate care for the mentally retarded (ICF/MRs) of seven beds or more, • 20% for individuals placed in institutions of mental disease (IMDs), • 20% of for under-65 disabled individuals placed in nursing homes. <p>The state reneged on its commitment to pay all those costs when counties surrendered homestead and agricultural credit aid on a dollar for dollar basis for the state takeover of all income maintenance programs in early 1990s. These cuts in state funding, enacted in 2003, should be restored now that the state finances are back in the black.</p>