

# *The Hospitals Act*

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Chapter 212 of *The Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1920*  
(assented to November 10, 1920).

**NOTE:**

This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.

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## CHAPTER 212

### An Act to regulate Public Aid to Hospitals

#### Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Hospitals Act*.

R.S.S. 1909, c.27, s.1; R.S.S. 1920, c.212, s.1.

#### Interpretation

2 In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:

##### “Minister”

1 “**Minister**” means the member of the executive council to whom for the time being is assigned the supervision of the administration of this Act;

##### “Patient”

2 “**Patient**” means every person admitted to a hospital for actual treatment and stay upon the order of a duly qualified medical practitioner.

R.S.S. 1909, c.27, s.2; R.S.S. 1920, c.212, s.2.

#### Aid

3 Such hospitals in Saskatchewan as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may designate may, upon complying with the provisions of this Act and of all regulations made thereunder, receive public aid at the rate of fifty cents per day for each day’s actual treatment and stay of every patient in such hospital during the calendar year next preceding the year for which such aid is given.

R.S.S. 1909, c.27, s.3; R.S.S. 1920, c.212, s.3.

#### Advances

4 The Provincial Treasurer may, by such periodical payments as the Lieutenant Governor in Council directs, pay out of any moneys appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature all sums which any hospital is entitled to receive under this Act.

R.S.S. 1909, c.27, s.4 (redrawn); R.S.S. 1920, c.212, s.4.

#### Regulations

5 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe regulations respecting the management, maintenance and accommodation of all hospitals receiving public aid under this Act.

R.S.S. 1909, c.27, s.5; R.S.S. 1920, c.212, s.5.

#### Returns

6 The minister may fix and direct the particulars to be contained in, the form, manner and time of making, and the mode of verification of such returns as seems proper for the due carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

R.S.S. 1909, c.27, s.6 (redrawn); R.S.S. 1920, c.212, s.6.

**Inspection**

7(1) The minister may appoint one or more inspectors to inspect and report upon every such hospital; and for such purpose such inspector or inspectors shall make all proper inquiries as to the maintenance, management and affairs thereof and by examination of the registers and by such other means as may be deemed necessary satisfy himself or themselves as to the correctness of any returns made under this Act.

(2) If any inspector reports that any patient was not a fit subject for hospital treatment for all or part of the time during which he was kept in the hospital the minister may refuse to make any payment in respect of such patient for the time during which he is so reported as not being a fit subject for hospital treatment.

R.S.S. 1909, c.27, s.7; R.S.S. 1920, c.212, s.7.

**False returns**

8 Any person who knowingly and wilfully makes or is a party to or procures to be made directly or indirectly any false return under this Act shall thereby incur a penalty of \$100, which penalty may be recovered with costs by civil action or proceeding at the suit of the Attorney General in any form allowed by law in the Court of King's Bench.

R.S.S. 1909, c.27, s.8; R.S.S. 1920, c.212, s.8.

Note — For provisions making municipalities liable for the hospital expenses of the indigent sick see *The City Act*, sections 248 and 249; *The Town Act*, section 244; *The Village Act*, sections 179 to 181, and *The Rural Municipality Act*, sections 198 and 199.