

§20050. Payment for treatment; financial ability of patients

1. Payment. If treatment is provided by an approved treatment facility and the patient has not paid the charge for that treatment, the treatment facility is entitled to any payment received by the patient or to which the patient may be entitled because of the services rendered, and from any public or private source available to the treatment facility because of the treatment provided to the patient.

[PL 1991, c. 601, §24 (AMD).]

2. Liability. A patient in an approved public treatment facility, or the estate of the patient, or a person obligated to provide for the cost of treatment who has sufficient financial ability, is liable to the treatment facility for cost of maintenance and treatment of the patient in accordance with established rates.

[PL 1989, c. 934, Pt. A, §3 (NEW).]

3. Finances. The department shall adopt rules governing financial ability that take into consideration the patient's income, savings, other personal and real property and any support being furnished to any other person that the patient is required by law to support.

[PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. AA, §42 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1989, c. 934, §A3 (NEW). PL 1991, c. 601, §24 (AMD). PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. AA, §42 (AMD).

The State of Maine claims a copyright in its codified statutes. If you intend to republish this material, we require that you include the following disclaimer in your publication:

All copyrights and other rights to statutory text are reserved by the State of Maine. The text included in this publication reflects changes made through the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature and is current through October 15, 2024. The text is subject to change without notice. It is a version that has not been officially certified by the Secretary of State. Refer to the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated and supplements for certified text.

The Office of the Revisor of Statutes also requests that you send us one copy of any statutory publication you may produce. Our goal is not to restrict publishing activity, but to keep track of who is publishing what, to identify any needless duplication and to preserve the State's copyright rights.

PLEASE NOTE: The Revisor's Office cannot perform research for or provide legal advice or interpretation of Maine law to the public. If you need legal assistance, please contact a qualified attorney.