

Section 46

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 87 – Sheriff

46.

(a) In this section, "sheriff" includes the administrator, director, superintendent, warden, or other officer in charge of a detention center.

(b) (1) The sheriff shall provide food and board for all prisoners committed to the sheriff's charge and food and other articles for the comfort of sick prisoners as the physician attending the prisoners may deem necessary, the expense of which shall be paid by the county or Baltimore City.

(2) THE SHERIFF, A COUNTY, OR BALTIMORE CITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OR TREATMENT RENDERED AS A RESULT OF AN ADMISSION OF A PRISONER TO A STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL.

(c) Sick, injured, or disabled prisoners including those committed to the Commissioner of Pretrial Detention and Services shall be responsible for reimbursing the county or the State, as appropriate for the payment of all medical care, and shall furnish the sheriff with the following information:

(1) The existence of any health insurance, group health plan, or prepaid medical care coverage under which the prisoner is insured;

(2) The eligibility for benefits under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to which the prisoner is entitled;

(3) The name and address of the third party payor; and

(4) The policy or other identifying number.

(d) (1) This subsection does not apply to a visit by an inmate to a medical unit or a physician, dentist, or optometrist if the visit is:

(i) Required as part of the intake process;

(ii) Required for an initial physical examination;

(iii) Due to a referral by a nurse or physician assistant;

(iv) Initiated, as a follow-up visit, by a medical professional from the detention center;

(v) Initiated by a medical or mental health staff member of the detention center; or

(vi) Required for necessary treatment.