

[CHAPTER 478]

AN ACT

To authorize certain expenditures from the appropriation of Saint Elizabeths Hospital, and for other purposes.

August 4, 1947

[H. R. 3870]

[Public Law 353]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Security administrator is authorized to admit to Saint Elizabeths Hospital in the District of Columbia, for care and treatment, upon application of the Secretary of the Interior, beneficiaries of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The cost of such care and treatment shall be paid for by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Saint Elizabeths
Hospital, D. C.
Admission of bene-
ficiaries of Bureau of
Indian Affairs, etc.

SEC. 2. Any executive department of the Federal Government (including any agency, independent establishment, or wholly owned instrumentality thereof, and including the District of Columbia) requiring Saint Elizabeths Hospital to care for patients for whom such department is responsible, shall, except to the extent that the expense of such care is authorized to be paid from appropriations to the hospital for the care of patients, pay by check to Saint Elizabeths Hospital, upon the Superintendent's request, either in advance or by way of reimbursement at the end of each calendar month or calendar quarter, such amounts as the Superintendent calculates to be due for such care on the basis of a per diem rate approved by the Bureau of the Budget. Bills rendered by the Superintendent on the basis of such calculations shall not be subject to audit or certification in advance of payment; but proper adjustment of amounts which have been paid in advance on the basis of such calculations shall be made monthly or quarterly, as may be agreed upon by the Superintendent of the hospital and the executive department concerned.

Patients for whom
departments are re-
sponsible.
Payment for care,
etc.

SEC. 3. All sums paid to the Superintendent of Saint Elizabeths Hospital for the care of patients shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for the care of patients at the hospital for the year in which such care is provided.

Crediting of pay-
ments.

SEC. 4. The Superintendent of Saint Elizabeths Hospital is authorized to operate and maintain at the hospital necessary facilities for feeding employees and others (at not less than cost, as determined by the Federal Security Administrator), and the proceeds from such operation shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for the operation of Saint Elizabeths Hospital.

Facilities for feed-
ing employees, etc.

SEC. 5. Appropriations for the care of persons in Saint Elizabeths Hospital shall be available for expenditure for furnishing, repairing, and cleaning such wearing apparel as may be prescribed by the superintendent of the hospital, for use by employees in the performance of their official duties; reimbursing employees, subject to regulations of the Federal Security Administrator, for the cost of repairing or replacing their personal belongings damaged or destroyed by patients while such employees are engaged in the performance of their official duties; expenses incurred in pursuing, identifying, and returning patients who escape from the hospital or from the custody of any employee, including rewards for the capture of such patients; expenses incurred in ascertaining the residence of patients whose care is not, or whose care is no longer, authorized at the hospital, and in returning such patients to their places of residence; expenses incurred in the removal of patients to their friends; and repairs, replacements, and minor improvements to the buildings and grounds of the hospital.

Availability of ap-
propriations.

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