

Fall River County

Fall River County Poor Relief Guidelines

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SECTION I: MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

The mission of Fall River County, SD is to provide quality public services, as determined by law and citizen needs through innovative leadership and the team work of its people, officials and employees. Services shall be provided in a fair, respectful and professional manner consistent with available human, natural and economic resources.

The Board of County Commissioners recognizes its legal responsibility to provide assistance to persons of the county according to SDCL Chapter 28-13.

Further, as specified in state law (SDCL Chapter 10-12; SDCL Section 7-8-20(7)), the county realizes the fiscal limitations of its tax base and any other resource available for the provision of assistance to the indigent.

To assure the efficient and equitable allocation of the County's resources, which are limited by a determined property tax base, eligibility and limitations are necessary and are guided by program requirements and Guidelines. The Guidelines may be waived for good cause at the board's direction.

SECTION II: DEFINITIONS

Unless the context requires otherwise, the terms used in these Guidelines are defined as follows:

1. **APPLICANT:** The person seeking assistance; the person on whose behalf assistance is sought by a representative, or the person for whom assistance is sought by a hospital in an "emergency" case as that term is defined in SDCL Section 28-13-27 or in the event of a death, by a relative, friend or funeral home as discussed in SDCL Chapter 28-17.
2. **BOARD:** The Fall River County Commission, which is the authority that sets guidelines and policy.
3. **COUNTY:** The Fall River County commissioner is designated by the Board to administer the Poor Relief Program in the County.
4. **EQUITY VALUE:** That value determined by subtracting an asset's outstanding debt from its fair market value.
5. **GOOD CAUSE:** A serious or life threatening emergency whereas harm would likely come to the applicant if assistance was to be withheld.
6. **HIPAA:** Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.
7. **HOUSEHOLD:** All individuals living in the same fixed abode.
8. **IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER:** Mother, father, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather including step and in-laws.
9. **INDIGENT PERSON:** Any person who is determined to be indigent in accordance with South Dakota law in SDCL Chapter 28-13 and these Guidelines.
10. **INCOME:** All money received by household members such as but not limited to employment, unemployment, VA benefits, tribal benefits, social security, TANF, child support, alimony, workman's compensation, prorated income tax refund, etc.

11. NON-EMERGENCY CARE: Medically necessary (SDCL Section 28-13-27.1) but does not require immediate care (SDCL Section 28-13-27(2)).
12. FRC: Fall River County
13. RECIPIENT: The person receiving assistance under these Guidelines.
14. REPRESENTATIVE: The person who has the legal right to apply on behalf of the applicant.
15. RESIDENT: Any person who has established residency in the County as residency is defined in SDCL Section 28-13-2 through 28-16.2, inclusive.
16. RESOURCES: Current assets, income and all financial support to which a recipient is legally entitled or could procure through reasonable efforts including but not limited to health insurance, TANF, low income housing and LIEAP which is available to an applicant prior to a need.
17. SANCTION: Penalties imposed on an applicant for failure to comply with the regulations of State and/or Federal programs.

SECTION III: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Board shall have the oversight and care of indigent persons and shall administer relief through these written Guidelines. County assistance is a *resource of last resort*, available only after all other programs, insurance benefits, family assistance or other aid has been exhausted.

1. PUBLIC ACCESS TO GUIDELINES: A copy of the current Guidelines will be on file with the County Auditor for public review and inspection during normal business hours. The County may make the guidelines available through other means such as posting them on the Fall River County website. The Guidelines are subject to periodic review and may be changed by the Board of Commissioners.
2. CONFIDENTIALITY: Information given by or concerning any applicant or recipient of assistance shall be considered confidential. Such information shall not be publicly divulged by County employees or Commissioners except:
 - a. Upon written authorization of the applicant or recipient.
 - b. Upon appropriate order from a competent court.
 - c. When the safety of an individual is at risk or a person or society is threatened. Fall River County staff is required to report child and adult abuse and neglect.
 - d. As otherwise provided by South Dakota law.
 - e. Subject to comply with HIPAA.
3. NON-DISCRIMINATION: Fall River County shall not discriminate among applicants for or recipients of assistance on the basis of ethnicity, beliefs, gender, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, age or any other characteristic afforded protection by Federal or State laws. Reasonable access and accommodations shall be provided to applicants.
4. ONGOING ASSISTANCE: The County does not assist on a continuing basis. Additional assistance may be considered when circumstances occur which are beyond the applicants control. When additional assistance is requested the applicant must reapply. The prior receipt of assistance from the County does not automatically disqualify an applicant for additional assistance.
5. VOLUNTARY QUIT: Applicants who quit their job without good cause are not eligible for county assistance until they find a job that is equal in pay to the job they left. Good cause for refusing or quitting employment is limited to the reasons found in SDCL Section 61-6-9.1.

6. RESOURCE OF LAST RESORT: County assistance shall be a resource of last resort, available only after all other resources, as defined in this document, have been exhausted.
7. SUBROGATION: When assistance is provided under the Guidelines and SDCL Chapter 28-13 to an applicant who subsequently becomes eligible for retroactive benefits from another program or resource, reimbursement must be made to Fall River County.
8. LIENS: The Board exercises its right to seek repayment according to SDCL Section 28-14.1. Including the use of a collection agency should the recipient neglect to make repayment in full.
9. CONTRACT TO REPAY: When assistance is granted, the County may enter into an agreement for repayment of the assistance under the terms and conditions the County deems appropriate. Any agreement may be evidenced by a note or contract (SDCL Section 28-13-20).
10. REIMBURSEMENT: The board shall exercise its right to reimbursement for the relief provided to anyone pursuant to SDCL Chapter 28-13.
11. SEVERABILITY: If any provision of these Guidelines or the application of the same is held to be invalid by a competent court, the remainder, to the extent reasonable and possible, shall remain in full force and effect.
12. DISQUALIFICATIONS: Assistance may be denied or terminated for any of the following reasons:
 - a. The person has knowingly made a false statement, with intent to defraud as to his/her financial status or other required information, or in any way has intentionally deceived the County in order to receive assistance is considered a Class I misdemeanor (SDCL Section 28-12-16.2). Such action automatically disqualifies the applicant from any future county assistance for a period of 6 months.
 - b. The person has assigned or transferred property at any time before or after making application for purposes of becoming eligible for assistance (SDCL Section 28-13-43).
 - c. The person has failed to responsibly perform the duties set forth in these Guidelines.
 - d. The person has refused without good cause to report for work required as a condition of the assistance or has failed to comply with any other requirements made as a condition of the assistance.
 - e. The person is Indigent by Design as defined in SDCL Section 28-13-27 as it relates to the requested assistance.

The County may bring an action to recover any or all assistance obtained under improper qualifications.

SECTIONS IV: THE APPLICANT'S RIGHT TO KNOW

Applicants shall be informed of the following upon making application:

1. The eligibility requirements.
2. The type of assistance available to eligible applicants and recipients as noted in SDCL Chapter 28-13.
3. Other programs of assistance or service for which the applicant may qualify.
4. The applicant's responsibility for reporting all the information necessary to determine eligibility.

5. The applicant's responsibility for notifying the county of any change in circumstances which may affect eligibility.
6. The type of verifications needed.
7. The fact that an investigation will be conducted to substantiate the facts and statements made by the applicant and that this investigation may take place prior to, during and/or after the applicant's receipt of assistance.
8. The applicant may be required to verify attempts made to obtain employment.
9. The applicant shall be informed of an approved or denied application, with reason for denial.
10. The implications of a lien being placed, pursuant to SDCL Chapter 28-14, on property owned by the applicant for any financial assistance given. In accordance with SDCL Section 28-14-15, the County shall be entitled to enter into agreements for the satisfaction or compromise of such liens, and shall only release such liens under circumstances which the county deems appropriate. Petitions and forms seeking the release of such liens shall be available at the Commissioner's office in the Fall River County Courthouse Building located at 906 N. River St. Hot Springs SD 57747.
11. The applicant's right to a review by a supervisory staff member if denied assistance within five business days, and the manner in which the review may be obtained.
12. The applicant has ten business days from the supervisory review decision date to file a formal appeal with the Board of County Commissioners and the manner in which the appeal may be obtained.

SECTION V: APPLICATION PROCESS

Any person has the right to apply for relief; however, minors or legally declared incompetent persons may apply only through a parent or legal guardian. The applicant may appear in person, or through a representative with a signed, notarized and dated authorization to act as representative.

The applicant or representative must complete and sign the necessary County application and documents. If additional assistance is requested, a new application must be completed. The County shall review the application and secure a complete case history from the applicant or the applicant's representative.

Before receiving any assistance, each applicant must be determined indigent as required by SDCL Chapter 28-13 as amended. This determination shall be made by examining the applicant's total resources (including current assets and income) and total economic needs. Wherever appropriate (i.e., where there exists a legal duty of support among family members), that determination shall also include a review of family size, total family economic resources and total family economic needs.

INTERVIEW: Fall River County staff will interview the applicant to complete the application and make a determination. If the applicant appears to be intoxicated, threatening, abusive or disruptive including acquaintances, friends or family members, the County may postpone the appointment to a later time.

RESIDENCY: In order to be entitled to assistance each applicant must:

1. Prove County residency by demonstrating personal presence in a fixed, permanent abode with intent to remain there, in conformity with SDCL Section 28-13-3 or as otherwise provided by state law.
2. Present proof of identification by providing a photo ID (government issued) and/or Social Security card.
3. If the applicant is not a citizen of the United States, they shall present their passport and/or documentation of their legal status in the United States. Applicants who have been sponsored into the United States, whereby the sponsor has attested that they are financially responsible for the applicant, will be denied assistance and established herein.
4. Await County verification of the application pursuant to administrative procedures and comply with all requests made by the county, as authorized and established herein.

APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY: The applicant's responsibilities at the time of the initial application and continuing thereafter are:

1. The applicant shall provide accurate, complete and current information relevant to the applicant's individual and household resources, needs, location and circumstances of next of kin or other lawfully responsible parties.
2. The applicant shall produce an acceptable form of identification, social security card and other identifying information necessary to facilitate the placing of a lien pursuant to SDCL Chapter 28-14.
3. The applicant must apply for and utilize all other available resources known or made known to the applicant which may reduce or eliminate the need for assistance.
4. The applicant must comply with the County on any reasonable investigation to determine eligibility.
5. The applicant shall secure income such as but not limited to; employment, unemployment, Social Security, Child Support, TANF, Veteran's benefits, etc.
6. The applicant must comply with mandated regulations from any State and Federal program or any other program that is available as a resource for assistance which the applicant is requesting. Failure to comply with the regulations established by State, Federal or other available programs does not constitute being indigent and will result in a denial.
7. The applicant must return all necessary information to complete the application within 10 business days.
8. The applicant must notify the County of any changes in circumstances that may affect eligibility.

SECTION VI: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Fall River County will use the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) standard as the qualifying standard. These income guidelines will automatically be updated per the release of the annual FPL standard. No applicant may have gross monthly income in excess of the FPL less the allowable deductions of daycare, medical bills, medications, health insurance premiums, child support, automobile or home repairs.

2. **HOUSING ASSISTANCE (LOT RENT, RENT, and MORTGAGE):** Housing assistance must be “reasonable” to the needs and income of the household. Assistance will not be granted for the following:
- a. Rental, damage, pet and security deposits.
 - b. Application fees, late fees, damage fees, attorney fees or any other fees.
 - c. Rent paid to immediate family members.
 - d. Rent for minor children who are living outside their parent/guardian’s home.
 - e. Rent at a previous address or other than where the applicant now lives.
 - f. Rent for a previous month, other than the month of application.
 - g. Rent for garage.
 - h. Rent for a pet that is not a designated service animal.

The maximum housing assistance based upon household size shall not exceed the following:

1 person	up to \$240
2-3 people	up to \$300
4-5 people	up to \$340
6+ people	up to \$440

All other available resources must be utilized prior to assistance being provided by the County.

3. **UTILITY ASSISTANCE:** The County shall consider assistance to pay utility bills which are older than the current bill but not to exceed 90 days past due for the address where the applicant is currently residing.
The utility bill must be in the name of the applicant/co-applicant.

The County will not be responsible for the following:

- A. Deposit
- B. Late fees
- C. Taxes
- D. Usage from a previous address
- E. Repairs
- F. Connect fees
- G. Reconnect fees

All other available resources must be utilized prior to assistance being provided by the County.

4. **TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE:** The County may consider assistance with gasoline, bus tokens and passes, or a bus ticket.

Gasoline will be based upon the miles per gallon of the applicant’s car and the current gasoline prices, at the discretion of the County Commissioners. Proof of car insurance, valid driver’s license, current vehicle registration and license plates are required for approval.

SECTION VII: BURIAL ASSISTANCE

When an indigent person becomes deceased, the County may have a responsibility for burial according to SDCL Chapter 28-17, SDCL Section 34-26-16 and SDCL Section 34-26A-2. The County may accept an application on behalf of a deceased person from a spouse, family member, friend, agency or organization associated with the deceased or coroner.

The deceased must meet residency requirements according to SDCL Section 28-13-2.

County payment must be authorized prior to the funeral home providing any type of service. Funds available for additional services in excess to approved county guidelines are considered a resource which will be applied to the cost of the burial.

According to SDCL Section 28-13-1.2 when the decedent has a death benefit or resource such as but not limited to: Tribal, VA, resident fund or auto insurance the charges to the County may be adjusted by that amount. In the event there is a settlement after the fact and the funds are disbursed to the Funeral Home or a family member, the County must be reimbursed for the amounts paid on the decedent's behalf.

To determine eligibility the County will consider current and future resources of the household. The resources need to be immediately accessible for the burial costs.

Parents or legal guardians of a minor child will be subject to a lien for the cost of the burial. A surviving spouse will be subject to a lien for the cost of the burial according to SDCL Section 34-26-16.

Payment by Fall River County for the approved burial expenses represents payment in full and no other claims may be made against the County or the applicant or representative of the deceased.

The County will take into consideration any friends or relatives that may be willing or able to defray the cost of the burial/funeral expenses.

For those County residents who are determined to be indigent according to SDCL Chapter 28-17, the County shall allow burial and funeral expenses as follows:

1. Motion made every January by Commissioners 2017.
2. \$1900 or what Commissioners set.
3. Child: Negotiated rate.
4. Still born infant: The County will provide services for a stillborn infant which is less than 20 weeks gestation if the family chooses, negotiated rate.
5. The funeral home shall be reimbursed for mileage for the removal of the decedent's body to the funeral home in excess of 25 miles round trip from the funeral home at a rate of \$1.00 per mile.

6. Situations outside of the above guidelines will be considered on a case by case basis at a negotiated rate.
7. The County shall not supplement any of the costs of the funeral service or be obligated for any more than the established costs noted above. When the decedent has a death benefit paid to the survivor, the charges to the county shall be adjusted by that amount. It is the survivor's responsibility to reimburse the funeral home for that amount.
8. County payment must be authorized prior to the funeral service.
9. In determining eligibility for assistance for the cost of a burial, the County will consider all available assets and resources of the decedent and/or legally responsible parties.
10. If in good faith, the funeral director sought copayment from a third party source such as the VA, Tribal Funds, Insurance, etc., and the money is not received within a reasonable amount of time from the day of the funeral the county will then reimburse the funeral home for the amount that was sought from that particular agency. If the funeral home receives reimbursement from an agency or any other private or third-party resource after the county has paid, the funeral home will then reimburse the county for the amount they received.
11. Once a burial has been approved and services rendered the application for burial assistance is considered complete and there will be no additional County assistance related to that burial request.

The funeral home is prohibited from adjusting their charges, once county assistance is granted, to reflect a greater amount than county guidelines or negotiated rate. This reimbursement will be credited to the lien.

The county will not provide additional funds for services on a weekend or holiday.

The county will not assist with any fees related to disinterment of the deceased. All liens related to the burial must be paid in full prior to disinterment of the deceased.

SECTION VIII: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

There shall be a distinction between "emergency" and "non-emergency" medical and/or hospital care assistance.

1. **EMERGENCY:** Immediate medical need which requires an admission to the emergency department of a hospital.
2. **NON-EMERGENCY:** Non-emergency procedures also referred to as pre-authorizations, are not required by statute, and approval is dependent on the status of the Fall River County budget. The budget will be reviewed quarterly to determine the ability of the County to provide financial assistance and will be at the discretion of the Fall River County Representatives. For non-emergency assistance, the applicant shall first make application and receive the County's approval for such assistance prior to the actual receipt of the care. The County shall expect direct involvement of the applicant and only secondary involvement from the health care provider.

Medical assistance is given an order of priority based upon SDCL Chapter 28-13 mandates. The following is the medical priority: emergency hospitalization, non-emergency hospitalization, doctor expenses, medications, transportation, lodging and auxiliary medical expenses. The County is not bound by statute to fund the latter six expenses and reserves the right to make partial payment of said expenses, as circumstances may dictate.

Reimbursement for medical expenses not mandated by statute will be made at the Medicaid rate or a negotiated rate. That rate of payment may be a combination of County and applicant payment. Medicaid rules and acceptance of the County/applicant payment represents payment in full for the charges claimed even if payment is less than the actual charges claimed. If payment is accepted, no further claims can be made against the County or applicant.

CHILDBIRTH: All costs related to the birth of a child are the responsibility of the parents. The County is not liable for the cost of medical care related to the birth of a child or costs related to miscarriage or delivery by caesarean section.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT: A disbursement of care related to an organ transplant will not be approved unless the applicant establishes the following:

1. That the same is available to non-indigent residents of the County. This may be established by the receipt of letters from three insurance companies doing business in the state verifying that insurance coverage is available for such care;
2. That the care will not jeopardize the funding of health care services already available within the county;
3. That the care is reasonable and necessary;
4. That the care provider has determined that the individual in need of the organ transplant is medically, psychologically and socially qualified to receive the transplant according to criteria established by the care-provider; and
5. That there is reasonable expectation that there will be a significant improvement in the individual's duration or quality of life as a result of the transplant.

SECTION IX: DETERMINE MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY

Fall River County utilizes SDCL Section 28-13-32.7 through SDCL Section 28-13-32.11 in addition to specific uniform standards for everyone who shall apply for medical assistance when determining the county's financial responsibility.

For the purposes of determining eligibility the County shall consider all resources and income and allowable expenses as set forth as listed:

1. Equity value of the household's primary residence, excluding the homestead exception provided for in subdivision 43-45-3(2); Plus equity value of other real property. The equity value is determined by using the current tax assessment less the loan payoff.
2. Equity value of other real property.

3. Equity value of major recreational and other leisure equipment including but not limited to: watercraft, campers, recreation vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and snow mobiles. A leisure and recreational vehicle is one that is not used for the purpose of the self-sufficiency and self-support purposes. If recreational or leisure vehicles are excluded as an asset, there must be evidence of it being a depreciated item on their current reporting of income tax.
4. Equity value in excess of \$5,000 of all motor vehicles. Fall River County will utilize the current NADA (National Automobile Dealers Association) information when determining the value of the motor vehicle.
5. Personal assets, including cash in excess of one-half month's income, stocks, securities, accounts and notices due the person or the person's household, cash values of life insurance policies, collectible judgments in favor of the person or the person's household, and monetary gifts.
6. Equity value of business property, including real estate, equipment and inventory.
7. Equity value of household goods and personal property beyond that which is reasonable essential for everyday living and self-support. If there is a question as to "reasonable" the County may request the individual to identify and describe the essential use and then the County will determine whether to include or exclude as an asset.

The county shall subtract \$5,000 from the total of the household's countable resources to determine the household's adjusted resources.

For the purpose of determining a household's income, the County considers all sources of income including but not limited to; seasonal layoff, seasonal overtime, temporary unemployment due to hospitalization, temporary loss or gain of income due to special circumstances. The County will consider the average monthly income under usual circumstances.

1. Compensation paid to household members from personal services, whether designated as gross salary, wages, commissions, bonus or otherwise;
2. Net income from self-employment, including profit or loss from a business, farm, or profession;
3. Income from seasonal employment;
4. Period payments from pensions or retirement programs, including social security, veterans' benefits, disability payments and insurance contracts.
5. Income from annuities or trusts, except for a trust held by a third party for the benefit of the minor children of the household;
6. Interest, dividends, rents, royalties, or other gain derived from investments or capital assets;
7. Gain or loss from the sale, trade, or conversion of capital assets;
8. Unemployment insurance benefits and strike benefits;
9. Workers' compensation benefits and settlements;
10. Alimony and child support payments received; and

11. School grants and stipends which are used for food, clothing, and housing but not for books and tuition. The County will also consider VA and Tribal school benefits.

For the purpose of determining deductions from monthly income the County will consider the following deductions from the monthly income:

1. Determine the household's contributions for taxes, Social Security, Medicare and payments to other standard retirement programs. A household's contribution for taxes is limited to the amount taxes payable for the actual number of dependents in the household. This information may be obtained from the applicant's income tax, pay stubs or the IRS regulations.
2. Determine the household's contributions to standard retirement program. PCHHS will consider actual contributions of the gross household income up to the current contribution rate of the South Dakota state retirement system.

For the purposes of determining monthly expenses the County will consider the following:

1. Actual rent paid for living quarters not including garage and pet rental. Actual scheduled principal and interest payments for a personal residence plus property taxes and renter's/homeowner's insurance.
2. Utility expenses for personal residence. The County will calculate average utility usage for propane, natural gas, electric, water, sewer and garbage for this expense. The County will consider either monthly cell phone charges based upon local prepaid plans not to exceed \$50.00 or monthly land line charges based upon local carrier charges not to exceed \$50.00. The County will consider monthly internet charges based upon local carrier charges not to exceed \$60.00. *The County will not consider any cable television plans or satellite television plans.*
3. Child care expenses related to work schedules.
4. Grocery expenses up to the maximum allowed under the current Thrifty Food Plan as specified by the Department of Social Services.
5. Basic operating costs for up to two vehicles to include maintenance, repairs, insurance, fuel, registrations, licenses, and parking. Each vehicle will be allowed the lesser of: the amount actually spent monthly for operating costs, or the operating costs shown in the IRS Transportation Standard table.
6. Payments will be allowed for up to two vehicles. Each vehicle will be allowed the lesser of: the monthly payment on the lease or loan, or the average used vehicle monthly payment noted in the State of the Automotive Finance Market by Experian Automotive.
7. Insurance premiums paid by applicant for health and life.
8. Installment payments for medical bills. This may include current or anticipated ongoing payments for other medical charges incurred as a result of this request excluding the medical payment the County is considering. The anticipated ongoing payments of related medical charges must be reasonable and in relation to the applicant's income. An applicant cannot make themselves eligible by over inflating their anticipated installment payments.
9. Federal Student loan payments.
10. Reoccurring expenses for medicine and medical supplies such as but not limited to: over the counter medications, medical equipment, oxygen, special furniture, appliances etc. An applicant cannot make themselves eligible by over inflating their reoccurring expenses.

11. Court ordered child support and alimony. This includes Department of Social Services child support orders. Only actual regular payments will be allowed as an expense.
12. Other allowable expenses based upon current *IRS Allowable Living Expense National Standards* table using the following calculations:
 - **Housekeeping Supplies:** Divide the Housekeeping supplies amount by the Food amount. Multiply the result by the current Thrifty Food Plan to obtain the deduction.
 - **Apparel and Services:** Divide the Apparel and Services amount by the Food amount. Multiply the result by the current Thrifty Food Plan to obtain the deduction.
 - **Personal Care Product and Services:** Divide the Personal Care Product and Services amount by the Food amount. Multiply the result by the current Thrifty Food Plan to obtain the deduction.
 - **Miscellaneous:** Divide the Miscellaneous amount by the Food amount. Multiply the result by the current Thrifty Food Plan to obtain the deduction.
13. Fines, restitution, program fees, electronic monitoring fees and all other fees related to a criminal conviction will not be considered allowable expense.

SECTION IX: PAYMENT OF PRISONER MEDICAL

Fall River County utilizes SDCL Chapter 24-11 in addition to SDCL Chapter 28-13 when determining payment of medical claims for any prisoner who shall require medical care while incarcerated.

Any payments made under SDCL Section 24-11-21 or SDCL Section 24-11-21.1 for medical care not otherwise covered by a third party payer shall constitute a lien pursuant to SDCL 28-14.1 as stated in SDCL Section 24-11-21.

SECTION IX: PAYMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION:

When determining payment for voluntary and involuntary mental health hospitalization, Fall River County will follow the guidelines set forth in Section VIII and Section IX of the Fall River County Poor Relief Guidelines and according to SDCL Chapter 28-13 in conjunction with SDCL Title 27A.