

Answer by Letter (Nowotny)

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OPINION LETTER NO. 262



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Dear Mr. McFadden:

This letter is in response to your opinion request which asks if the State Department of Corrections is liable for hospital services provided to a prisoner for injuries incurred in an escape from the Oregon County Jail where he was being held in custody for escaping from an institution of the Missouri Department of Corrections.

We have examined the Missouri statutes and find no authority for the Department of Corrections to pay such a bill.

We are enclosing Opinion No. 31, dated January 26, 1965, to Hess and Opinion No. 16, dated October 12, 1938 to Chamier both of which deal with this subject.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General

Enclosures:

Op. No. 31  
1-26-65, Hess

Op. No. 16  
10-12-38, Chamier