

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 145, sec. 23. 1939, ch. 733, sec. 23.

19. (Granting of Assistance.) Upon the completion of such investigation, the County Board shall decide whether the applicant is eligible for public assistance under the provisions of this sub-title, and determine the amount of such assistance and the date on which such assistance shall begin. The County Department shall notify the applicant of its decision. Should the fund or funds available be sufficient to permit a grant to only a part of the blind coming within the provisions of this sub-title, the County Department shall select in its discretion those in most urgent need of such assistance.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 145, sec. 24. 1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 4, sec. 24.

20. (Payment for Benefit of Recipient.) If any applicant or recipient is incompetent or unable to handle the assistance granted him, and has no legal guardian or committee, the Circuit Court of the Counties, or the Equity Courts of Baltimore City, upon petition of any County Board, and with the consent of the next of kin, next friend, natural guardian or custodian of the applicant or recipient shall have the power after notice and hearing to appoint a competent person as his guardian for blind assistance, without bond, whose duty it shall be without compensation to receive and disburse the recipient's assistance on his behalf and to make true and accurate account thereof as often as required. Funds in the hands of any such guardian for blind assistance shall be expended only for the purposes, contemplated by this Article, or as directed in the grant of assistance.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 145, sec. 25. 1939, ch. 733, sec. 25.

21. (Funeral Expenses.) On the death of the recipient, reasonable funeral expenses, not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), may, subject to the rules and regulations of the State Board, be paid by the County Board, if the estate of the deceased is insufficient to pay the same and the persons legally responsible for the support of the deceased are unable to pay the same. The cost of any such payments shall be charged two-thirds to State funds and one-third to local funds.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 145, sec. 26.

22. (Assistance Not Assignable.) All assistance given under this sub-title shall not be transferable or assignable, at law or in equity, and none of the money paid or payable under this sub-title shall be subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment or other legal process, or to the operation of any bankruptcy or insolvency law.

1936 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 145, sec. 27. 1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 4, sec. 27.

23. (Appeal to the State Board.) If an application is not acted upon by the County Board within a reasonable time after the filing of the application, or is denied in whole or in part, or if any award of assistance is modified or cancelled under any provision of this sub-title, the applicant or recipient may appeal to the State Board in the manner and form prescribed by the State Board. The State Board shall, upon receipt of such an appeal, give the applicant or recipient an opportunity for a fair hearing. The State Board may also, upon its own motion, review any decision of a County Board, and may consider any application upon which a decision