

available to the recipient, to provide such person with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. Provided, however, that monthly benefits to any individual shall not exceed the amount specified in the Federal Social Security Act, or any amendments thereto, as being the maximum amount in which the Federal Government will participate, except that an additional amount may be allowed for nursing or other special types of care, as provided by rule and regulation of the State Department.

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, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Department, the amount of such assistance and the date on which such assistance shall begin. The County Board shall notify the applicant of its decision. Such assistance shall be paid upon order of the County Board from funds allocated to the County Board for this purpose. Should the fund or funds available be insufficient to make payments in accordance with the amount of assistance established to be needed, the State Department shall, by rule and regulation, provide for a uniform method of adjusting individual payments.

25. (Recovery from a Recipient.) If at any time during the continuance of public assistance the recipient thereof becomes possessed of any property or income in excess of the amount stated in the application, it shall be the duty of the recipient immediately to notify the County Board of the receipt or possession of such property or income and the County Board may, after investigation, either cancel the assistance or alter the amount thereof in accordance with the circumstances. Any assistance paid before the recipient has come into possession of such property or income and in excess of his need shall be recoverable by the County Board as a debt due. The net amount realized from all such claims shall be divided among the State, the county, and the Federal Government in proportion to the amount of the assistance paid by each respectively.

26. (Recovery from the Estate.) On the death of any recipient the total amount of assistance paid under this sub-title, accounting from the time the recipient reaches the age of sixty-five, shall be allowed as a claim against his estate. The net amount realized from all such claims shall be divided among the State, the county, and the Federal Government in proportion to the amount of the assistance paid by each re-