

23. **ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.** Assistance shall be given under this sub-title to any dependent child who

(a) Has resided in this State for one year immediately preceding the application for such assistance; or was born within the State one year immediately preceding the application, and whose mother has resided in the State one year immediately preceding the birth of said child; or whose mother has resided in this State for one year immediately preceding the date of application; and

(b) Is living in a suitable family home meeting the standards of care and health, fixed by the laws of this State and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and in which home the child's particular religious faith is fostered and protected.

(c) Any illegitimate child who has heretofore received assistance under this sub-title is hereby declared to have been eligible to receive the same, but no applicant denied assistance on the grounds of illegitimacy, between September 1, 1936 and March 22, 1937, shall be entitled to make any claim against the State Department or any local unit, on account of any such denial.

25. **APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE.** Application for assistance under this sub-title shall be made to the local unit in which the dependent child resides. The application shall be in writing or reduced to writing in the manner and upon the form prescribed by the State Department. The application shall be made by the person with whom the child will live while receiving assistance and shall contain information as to the age and residence of the child and such other information as may be required by the rules and regulation of the State Department. One application may be made for several children of the same family if they reside with the same person. All assistance granted and/or payments made on application heretofore signed by the applicant and witnessed, shall be deemed valid payments for the purposes of this sub-title.

27. **GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE.** Upon the completion of such investigation, the local unit shall decide whether the child is eligible for assistance under the provisions of this sub-title and determine the amount of such assistance and the date on which such assistance shall begin. It shall make an award which shall be binding upon the county or Baltimore City as the case may be, and be complied with until such an award is modified or vacated. The local unit shall notify the applicant of its decision in writing. Such assistance shall be paid month-