

**16. DUTIES OF STATE BOARD.** The State Board shall:

(a) Supervise the administration of assistance to the needy blind under this Article by the County Boards;

(b) Make such rules and regulations and take such action as may be necessary or desirable for carrying out the provisions of this Article. All rules and regulations made by the State Board shall be binding upon the counties and shall be complied with by the respective county board;

(c) Prescribe the form of and print and supply to the county boards such forms as it may deem necessary and advisable;

(d) Cooperate with the Federal government in matters of mutual concern pertaining to assistance to the needy blind;

(e) Make such reports in such form and containing such information, as the Federal government may, from time to time require, and comply with such provisions as the Federal government may from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports;

(f) Perform such duties as are imposed upon it by Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland as amended by Chapter 586 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1935, and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

**18. ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY BLIND.** Public assistance shall be granted under this sub-title to any person who

(a) Lost his eyesight while a resident of the State, or shall have resided in the State for a period of five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the filing of the application for public assistance, the last year of which shall be continuous and immediately precede such application;

(b) Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health;

(c) Is not an inmate of any public institution at the time of receiving assistance. An inmate of such an institution may, however, make application for such assistance, but the assistance, if granted, shall not begin until after he ceases to be an inmate;

(d) Is not receiving old age assistance;

(e) Has not made an assignment for transfer of property so as to render himself eligible for public assistance under this sub-title at any time within five (5) years immediately prior to the filing of application pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title.