

case exceed a total of thirty dollars (\$30.00) a month, except that in special cases requiring medical or nursing care, the assistance granted shall not exceed forty dollars (\$40.00) a month.

17. (Application for Assistance to the Needy Blind.) Application for public assistance under this sub-title shall be made to the County Board of the county in which the applicant resides. The application shall be made in the form and manner prescribed by the State Department.

23. (Appeal to the State Department.) 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 Department in the manner and form prescribed by the State Department. The State Department shall, upon receipt of such appeal, give the applicant or recipient an opportunity for a fair hearing. The State Department may also, upon its own motion, review any decision of a County Board, and may consider any application upon which a decision has not been made by the County Board within a reasonable time. The State Department may make such additional investigation as it may deem necessary, and shall make such decision as to the granting of public assistance and the amount of assistance to be granted as in its opinion is justified and in conformity with the provisions of this sub-title. Applicants or recipients affected by such decisions of the State Department shall, upon request, be given reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing by the State Department. All decisions of the State Department shall be final and shall be binding upon the County involved and shall be complied with by such County Board.

24. (Periodic Reconsideration and Changes in Amount of Assistance.) All public assistance grants made under this sub-title shall be reconsidered as frequently as may be required by the rules of the State Department. After such further investigation as the County Board may deem necessary or the State Department may require, the amount of assistance may be changed or may be entirely withdrawn if the State Department and County Board find that the recipient's circumstances have altered sufficiently to warrant such action. The County Board may at any time cancel and revoke assistance for cause and it may for cause suspend assistance for such period as it may deem proper. All such decisions shall be subject to review by the State Department as provided in Section 23 of this Article.