

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. One-half of the net amount realized from all such claims shall be promptly paid or credited to the United States Government.

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. One-half of the net amount realized from all such claims shall be promptly paid or credited to the United States Government. Provided, however, that no such claim shall be enforced against any real estate of a recipient while it is occupied by the surviving spouse or dependents.

27. (Removal to Another County.) Any applicant who has moved into the county in which he applies within one year prior to application shall be deemed, for all purposes of this Article, a resident of the county in which he last had one year's continuous residence. Change of county residence within the State shall have no effect upon the eligibility of a blind person.

31. (Fraudulent Acts.) Whoever obtains, or attempts to obtain, or aids, or abets any person to obtain by means of a wilfully false statement or representation, or by impersonation, or other fraudulent device:

- (1) Public assistance to which he is not entitled;
- (2) Public assistance greater than that to which he is justly entitled;
- (3) Payment of any forfeited installment of public assistance; or aids or abets in buying or in any way disposing of the property, either personal or real, of a recipient of assistance, while such person is receiving assistance or while his application for assistance is pending, without the consent of the County Board is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or be imprisoned for not more than three (3) months, or be both so fined and imprisoned in the discretion