

(b) Make such rules and regulations and take such action as may be necessary or desirable for carrying out the provisions of this Article. *Such rules and regulations shall recognize that the needs and problems of blind persons are special to them and may differ materially from the needs and problems of other classes of aid recipients. Printed copies of such rules and regulations, together with copies of the laws contained in this sub-title, shall be made available upon request for distribution to any person or group engaged in work for or with the blind.* All rules and regulations made by the State Department shall be binding upon the counties and shall be complied with by the respective county boards;

(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 and any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

15. (Eligibility for Public 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 continuously for a period of one year immediately preceding the filing of the application for public assistance; provided, however, that the State Department is authorized and empowered to make reciprocal arrangements with other States to waive residence requirement when, in their judgment, the same is deemed necessary, so long as the waiver does not invalidate Federal matching. In the event that future Federal legislation shall require the abolition of State residence requirements as a condition for Federal matching, the foregoing State residence requirement shall be considered abrogated and rendered null and void simultaneously with the effective date of such Federal enactment. Any blind person who has received assistance under this sub-title between June 1, 1947, and Nov. 10, 1947, is hereby declared to have been eligible to receive the same.

(b) Has not sufficient income or other available resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. Support from relatives shall be regarded as a potential resource and evaluated as to amount and availability, as determined by rule and regulation of the State Department, *except that the term "relatives" shall be construed to include only a mother, father, child, husband or wife of the person requesting assistance.* No provision of this sub-section shall be repealed by any other law unless this sub-section is specifically referred to in such repeal.

(c) Is not an inmate of any public institution at the time of receiving assistance. An inmate of such institution may, however,