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(a) The State Administration promptly shall establish and implement and, as necessary, modify a program of general public assistance to employables. The program shall provide State and locally funded assistance payments to employable residents of this State, who temporarily require assistance.

(b) The program shall be in effect in any political subdivision that elects to participate and enters into an agreement with the State Administration that describes the operation of the program in the subdivision and sets forth the financial responsibility of each party to the agreement.

(c) (1) The State Administration shall adopt rules and regulations establishing eligibility and other requirements not set forth in this section.

(2) Support from children shall be considered as a potential resource and the amount and availability shall be evaluated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Administration.

(3) An applicant for assistance may not transfer or assign property to become eligible for the assistance at any time within the three years immediately before filing the application for or receiving the assistance.

(4) The Administration may not consider monetary or in-kind contributions that are up to the difference between the State's standard of need and the sum of the total grant and the amount of food stamps, whether received on a onetime or continuing basis, as income or as a potential resource in determining:

(i) An individual's eligibility for assistance; or

(ii) The amount of assistance that an individual receives.]

Article - Family Law**4-402.**

(a) To implement the policies set forth in this subtitle, the Secretary shall establish in each local department of social services a program of services to families with children. The program shall be available to:

(1) those families who are receiving [aid to families with dependent children] TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE or supplemental security income; and

(2) those families whose gross income is 80% or less of this State's median income adjusted for family size in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Social Services Administration.

(b) For purposes of this subtitle, services to families with children are:

(1) functional services to help a family resolve a situational crisis brought on by catastrophe, deprivation of income, lack of shelter, physical illness, mental illness, death, desertion, or abandonment;

(2) family counseling;