

22. *Investigation of Applications.* Whenever a County Board receives an application for assistance under this sub-title, an investigation and record shall promptly be made of the circumstances of the applicant to ascertain the facts supporting the application made under this sub-title and such other information as may be required by the rules of the State Board.

23. *Granting of Assistance.* Upon the completion of such investigation, the County Board shall decide whether the applicant is eligible for public assistance under the provisions of this sub-title, and determine the amount of such assistance and the date on which such assistance shall begin.

24. *Payment for Benefit of Recipient.* If the recipient or applicant is found incapable of taking care of himself or his money, the County Board may designate a responsible person to whom the installments of the public assistance shall be paid for the benefit of the recipient.

25. *Funeral Expenses.* On the death of the recipient, reasonable funeral expenses, not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), may, subject to the rules and regulations of the State Board, be paid by the County Board, if the estate of the deceased is insufficient to pay the same and the persons legally responsible for the support of the deceased are unable to pay the same.

26. *Assistance Not Assignable.* All assistance given under this sub-title shall not be transferable or assignable, at law or in equity, and none of the money paid or payable under this sub-title shall be subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment or other legal process, or to the operation of any bankruptcy or insolvency law.

27. *Appeal to the State Board.* The County Board shall at once report to the State Board its decision upon such application. If an application is not acted upon by the County Board within a reasonable time after the filing of the application, or is denied or revoked, the applicant may appeal to the State Board in the manner and form prescribed by the State Board. The State Board shall upon receipt of such an appeal give the applicant an opportunity for a fair hearing. The State Board may also upon its own motion review any decision of a County Board, and may