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ONE - HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 624

S. P. 219

In Senate, January 24, 1961

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Porteous of Cumberland

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Establishing a Medical Care and Services Program.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, §§ 319-V - 319-Y, additional. Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 4 new sections to be numbered 319-V to 319-Y, to read as follows:

'Medical Care and Services Program.

Sec. 319-V. Medical care and services program. The department is authorized to establish a medical care and services program for all medically indigent persons who are not recipients of public assistance.

The department is authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this program, including but not limited to defining the term medically indigent; the type of medical care to be provided; the amount to be paid for hospitalization and the length of hospitalization allowed during a fiscal year.

Sec. 319-W. Federal grants. The Treasurer of State shall be the appropriate fiscal officer of the State to receive federal grants on account of medical care and services and administration thereof, as contemplated by the Federal Social Security Act, as amended, and the State Controller shall authorize expenditures therefrom as approved by said department.

Sec. 319-X. Not to pauperize. Medical care and services provided for any person under section 319-V shall not be considered as pauper supplies as defined by chapter 94, section 2.

Sec. 319-Y. Fund shall not lapse. The Medical Care and Services Fund shall not lapse but shall be a continuing fund so long as federal grants are available to match the state's contribution. No payments shall be made out of said fund if federal grants are withdrawn, except that care and services contracted for before the date of such withdrawal shall be paid. Any money left in the fund in the event of withdrawal of federal grants shall be divided between the State and the Federal Government in proportion to the amount contributed by each.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to carry out the purposes of section 1 of this act.