

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

December 7, 1988 to July 1, 1989

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
SEPTEMBER 30, 1989

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
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3. Covered services. The services for which data may be required under subsection 2 are:

- A. Computed tomography services;
- B. Magnetic resonance imaging services;
- C. Cardiac angiography; and
- D. Cardiac catheterization services.

Sec. 12. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1990-91

MAINE HEALTH CARE FINANCE COMMISSION

Health Care Finance Commission

All Other	\$10,800
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Provides funds to cover the nonhealth providers' share of the cost of collecting certain outpatient data. Funds will be used to edit data, purchase a computer and office furniture, and cover general operating expenses.

Sec. 13. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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MAINE HEALTH CARE FINANCE COMMISSION

Health Care Finance Commission

Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	\$27,054	\$37,852

Allocates funds for a Comprehensive Health Planner II to collect and analyze outpatient data. This allocation will cover the hospitals' share of the data collection.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 566

H.P. 157 - L.D. 222

An Act Concerning Public Assistance Eligibility

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is necessary to ensure that veterans eligible for Agent Orange awards will not lose any eligibility for public assistance because of delay in enactment of this bill; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

22 MRSA §9-A is enacted to read:

§9-A. Public assistance eligibility

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Public assistance" means any of the following:

- (1) Aid to families with dependent children under chapter 1053;
- (2) Food stamp assistance under section 3104;
- (3) General assistance under chapter 855 and any state-funded portion under chapter 1161; and
- (4) Medical assistance under chapter 855.

B. "Agent Orange" means the chemical containing trichlorophenoxy acetic acid and dichlorophenoxy acetic acid, which was used in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Conflict.

2. Agent Orange award; eligibility not affected. In determining eligibility for public assistance, any money or other form of compensation received by a person as a result of a settlement agreement or a money judgment in a law suit against a manufacturer or distributor of Agent Orange for damages resulting from exposure to Agent Orange may not reduce the amount of public assistance otherwise received by that person and is not subject to a lien or available for repayment to the State or municipality for public assistance received by that person.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective July 11, 1989.
