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CHAPTER 953

ADMINISTRATION

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§ 3351. Powers and duties of department

The department shall administer the law relating to aid to the aged, blind or disabled, and medical or remedial care and services for medically indigent persons who are not recipients of aid to dependent children or aid to the aged, blind or disabled. It is empowered to employ, subject to the Personnel Law, such assistants as may be necessary to carry out chapters 951 to 959 and to coordinate their work with that of the other social welfare work of the department.

The department is authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this aid, 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.

The department shall make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the custody, use and preservation of the records, papers, files and communications of the department. The use of such records, papers, files and communications by any other agency or department of government to which they may be furnished shall be limited to the purposes for which they are furnished and by the law under which they may be furnished.

All moneys made available under chapters 951 to 959 shall be expended under the direction of the department, and the department is empowered to direct the expenditures therefrom of such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of administration. All aid granted under such chapters shall be paid monthly by the State.

1963, c. 433, § 2.

§ 3352. Medical Care Accumulation Fund

The department is authorized to establish a Medical Care Accumulation Fund to be used solely for the payment of medical,

hospital or remedial care costs of recipients of aid to dependent children and aid to the aged, blind or disabled under this Title. The fund shall be created by periodic payments into it based on a monthly amount per case as determined by the department, which monthly amount may be paid into the fund even though the monthly amount added to the money payment exceeds the maximum money payment in the particular category. Said payments shall be made from the respective appropriations for aid to dependent children and aid to the aged, blind or disabled and from federal grants available under the Social Security Act, as heretofore and hereafter amended. The payments out of the fund of the costs of medical, hospital or remedial care shall be made to those persons or agencies furnishing such services. The department is authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of and expenditures from said fund.

1963, c. 433, § 2.

§ 3353. Acceptance of federal provisions

The department is authorized, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council, to:

1. Apply for assistance. Apply for federal assistance under Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act and Acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto; and to comply with such conditions, not inconsistent with chapters 951 to 959, as may be required for such assistance;

2. Reports. 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.

1963, c. 433, § 2.