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DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

Very truly yours,

A. B. Director's Letter #32 and Supplement 1 thereto
which amends the existing Federal-State Plan for Aid
to the Needy Blind.

Enclosed herewith for filing is the following regulation of
the State Commission for the Blind of the Division of Welfare of
this Department:

Dear Secretary Patten:

Honorable Edward J. Patten
Secretary of State
State House
Trenton, New Jersey

August 12, 1957

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Dept. Secretary Batten:

Trenton, New Jersey
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Secretary of State
Honorable Edward J. Batten

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Name of Institution, Agency, etc.

New Jersey State Commission for the Blind

REGULATION # A. B. Letter #32

and Supplement 1 thereto

ISSUED:

7/31/57

EFFECTIVE:

8/1/57

TITLE: A. B. Director's Letters

SUBJECT: Blind Assistance Regulations

STATUTORY REFERENCE: 30:6-3; 30:6-14

See also 1956 and 1957 Amendments to Title X of the Federal Social Security Act.

Fidelity Union Fund
Welfare

George F. Meyer
Executive Director

George F. Meyer

Approved:

John H. Mansburg
by

July 31, 1957

A. B. Director's Letter #32

Vendor Payment Plan for Clients in Nursing Homes

To County Welfare Board Directors:

This Plan Amendment is designed to implement new Federal legislation which gives to the States the option of claiming Federal financial participation in vendor medical care payments for recipients of public assistance.

(1) There is hereby adopted in principle to apply to the Aid to the Blind program, Revised Attachment 10 to County Series No. 3 issued by the Bureau of Assistance on July 29, 1957.

(2) There is hereby adopted in principle to apply to the Aid to the Blind program, Letter and attachments to County Welfare Board Directors from the Bureau of Assistance dated July 29, 1957 and titled, "Nursing Home Establishments Authorized for Inclusion in Vendor-Payment Plan."

(3) Appropriate supplements and amendments which may be issued shall likewise apply.

(4) The Revision of Ruling #12 of the Bureau of Assistance dated July 31, 1957 does not apply since books of account for the Aid to the Blind program are maintained at the offices of the Commission for the Blind.

(5) As set forth in the plan of operation in the Old Age Assistance and Disability Assistance program the first \$80.00 of the amount owed by a patient to an authorized nursing home will be considered the clients "money-payment". He will receive a check for this. The remainder (after the first \$80.00) will be paid direct to the institution, reduced by the amount of any income the patient may have from other sources.

(6) To implement this, County Welfare Boards are requested to compute each nursing home case at the time of initial grant and as often thereafter as necessary to reflect this divided payment plan. In addition the A. B. 6 Order Form should indicate the total amount of the grant and in a typed footnote a breakdown of the amount of "money-payment" and the amount of "vendor-payment".

(7) Federal funds derived under the Medical "split payment" reimbursement formula will be credited to the counties which are making vendor payments, at the rate of 50% of actual disbursement for each case so long as the total Federal reimbursement received under the 6-3 matching formula is less than the total Federal reimbursement potentially available on the basis of the State-wide Blind Assistance caseloads. Once the Federal reimbursement equals or exceeds the total potentially available, reimbursement to the Counties will be made on the basis of \$3.00 for each Blind Assistance case in caseload.

(8) Other categories of vendor-payments for medical care will be added if further study indicates the advisability of this.

(9) This plan shall become effective as of August 1, 1957.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

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Approved: Elmer V. Andrews

Director, Division of Welfare



State of New Jersey
COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND
GEORGE F. MEYER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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NEWARK, N. J.

July 31, 1957

A. B. Director's Letter #32

Supplement 1

The Aid to the Blind program will continue to make available medical care or any type of remedial care recognized under State law to eligible Blind Assistance recipients through the "money-payment." In addition vendor payments for categories of medical care will be made in a manner set forth by A. B. Director's Letter #32 and future amendments or additions.

Medical Care Defined

Medical care includes: medical, surgical, dental and nursing services in the home, office, hospital, clinic or other suitable place, provided or prescribed by persons authorized by State law to give such services; such services to include drugs and medical supplies, appliances, laboratory, diagnostic and therapeutic services, nursing home and convalescent care, and such other medical services and supplies as may be prescribed by such persons.

Standards

Statewide-standards and policies which are uniformly in effect throughout the State will be maintained and followed in making direct payments to vendors for medical care.

Personnel

Services of professional medical personnel are available to the State and to the local agencies as are necessary for planning, directing, and supervising this aspect of the agency's program. The duties of such personnel shall include:

(a) The establishment of the necessary relationships with local and State, public and private health agencies in order that division of responsibility may be clarified and necessary agreements maintained.

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(b) Development of necessary safeguards to assure the quality and cost of medical care being provided by the agency.

Authorization

The A. B. 6 Order form currently used by the Agency to authorize and certify money payments to eligible recipients will be used to authorize and certify vendor payments for eligible recipients. The recipient's name; the period of such payments, and the amount of payment will be specified on the form.

Accounting Procedure

Since the State Agency will seek appropriate Federal reimbursement for vendor payments made under the "split-payment" plan on or in behalf of nursing home cases, a separate recipient count will be maintained for such cases at the State Office. This will reflect the names and total number of such recipients from which will be deducted the number of ineligible recipients represented by cancellations, refunds, and payments for which Federal participation will not be claimed.

In support of this recipient count there will be maintained the basic authorization of payment and a listing of the total amounts included in vendor payments for medical care.

Reimbursement

Maximum reimbursement from the Federal government for vendor payments for medical care under the "split-payment" plan will be based upon total eligible caseload in Blind Assistance, in a given month, multiplied by \$6.00 and divided by 2. Actual reimbursement up to this maximum will be claimed by the State Agency upon the aggregate of total monthly vendor payments for the medical care of eligible recipients under the "split-payment" plan divided by 2. The same formula will apply to other categories of vendor payment for medical care as these may be added to the State plan of operation.

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