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CHAPTER 558

AN ACT to renumber 49.61 (6); to amend 49.40 (1) and (2) and 49.61 (9); and to create 49.61 (6) (b) of the statutes, relating to aid to totally and permanently disabled persons.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 49.40 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

49.40 (1) The county agency administering aid to the blind, aid to dependent children, * * * old-age assistance *and aid to totally and permanently disabled persons* may provide for medical care needed by recipients of such aids. A person shall be considered * * * a recipient if at the time such care is authorized aid to the blind, aid to dependent children, old-age assistance *or aid to totally and permanently disabled persons* is being granted to him. The provisions of s. 49.11 shall not apply to this section. Medical care shall, as necessary, be authorized and paid for by such county agency in addition to or in lieu of money payments made within the amounts allowed by ss. 49.18 (1) (a), 49.19 (5), * * * 49.21 (1) *and 49.61 (6) (a)*. Medical care provided under this section includes hospitalization and nursing home care; physicians', dentists', and nurses' services; drugs, medical supplies and equipment, prosthetic appliances and other medical services as each is prescribed by a physician; optometrical services; transportation to obtain medical care; and prepayment of medical care.

(2) Upon forms prescribed by the department claims by counties for reimbursement shall be made at the same time and in the same manner as other claims for aid to the blind, aid to dependent children, * * * old-age assistance *and aid to the totally and*

permanently disabled and if approved by the department 35 per cent of such expenditures plus any federal aid that may be received for such expenditures shall be certified by the department to the director of budget and accounts as reimbursement to the counties. To facilitate prompt reimbursement the certification of the department may be based upon the certified statements of the county officers, provided that any necessary audit adjustments for any month of current or prior years may be included in subsequent certifications.

SECTION 2. 49.61 (6) of the statutes is renumbered 49.61 (6) (a).

SECTION 3. 49.61 (6) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

49.61 (6) (b) On the death of a recipient of such aid, if the estate of the deceased is insufficient to defray the funeral and burial expenses, such reasonable amount not exceeding \$150 shall be paid for such expenses to such persons as the county agency directs.

SECTION 4. 49.61 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.61 (9) The county treasurer and county agency administrator of each county shall monthly certify under oath to the state department of public welfare in such manner as the department prescribes, the claim of the county for state and federal reimbursement under this section, and if the department approves such claim, it shall certify to the director of budget and accounts for reimbursement to the county * * * 30 per cent of the approved amount paid by * * * each county for aid to * * * *totally and permanently disabled persons* pursuant to this section, plus federal aid received for such * * * expenditures, plus 30 per cent of any amount paid to an eligible recipient in excess of the amount which the federal government will take into account in making reimbursement but not in excess of \$80, as provided by s. 49.61 (6) (a). If the total amount due all counties exceeds the sum appropriated by s. 20.18 (11) the appropriation shall be prorated by the department among the counties according to the amounts due them. To facilitate prompt reimbursement, the certification of the department may be based upon the certified statements of the county officers, provided that any necessary audit adjustments for any month of the current or prior fiscal years may be made and included in subsequent certifications. The director of budget and accounts shall draw his warrant forthwith for reimbursement to the respective counties in accordance with the certification of the department.

Approved July 14, 1953.
