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**WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE - WIC**

**DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98]** ( Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784. )

**PART 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS [18000 - 18999.98]** ( Part 6 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784. )

**CHAPTER 8. Relief Law of 1945 [18450 - 18524]** ( Chapter 8 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784. )

**ARTICLE 2. Administration [18470 - 18478]** ( Article 2 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784. )

**18470.** The direct administration of this chapter shall be carried out by the boards of supervisors of the several counties, directly or through their authorized agents. The administration shall be supervised by the department.

(Added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

**18471.** The department shall:

- (a) Establish minimum and maximum standards for the amount and form of relief, on a budgetary basis, as provided in Sections 18472, 18473, and 18474.
- (b) Establish standards of eligibility for relief, which shall be of uniform application throughout the state.
- (c) Make investigations in relation to the administration of relief.
- (d) Secure information and make reports thereon.

(Added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

**18472.** The department shall from time to time fix for each county maximum and minimum relief case budgets within the range of which the board of supervisors may establish its own policies.

All budgets and standards shall be based upon need and minimum budgets shall be sufficient to maintain the recipient and his dependents in accordance with minimum living requirements as provided in Section 18473.

(Added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

**18473.** In determining and redetermining budgets and standards, the department may give consideration to living costs and may establish budgets and standards varying in monetary worth or amount, but providing a standard of living compatible with decency and health.

(Added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

**18474.** Relief may be granted in cash or in kind, but relief may be granted in kind only after the method has been approved by the department.

(Added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

**18475.** All income received by a person or family, regardless of source, shall be considered in determining the amount of relief to be provided.

(Added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

**18476.** In administering any funds appropriated or made available to the department for disbursement through the counties for relief purposes, the department shall:

- (a) Require as a condition for receiving such grants-in-aid that the county shall bear the proportion of the total expense of furnishing relief required to be paid by the county under Section 18521.

(b) Establish rules and regulations, not in conflict with law, defining and controlling the conditions under which state aid may be granted or refused.

(c) Terminate any grants-in-aid to any county if the laws providing such grants, or the minimum standards prescribed by the department, are not complied with by the county or its officers or employees.

*(Added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)*

**18477.** If any county fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations or orders of the department for the administration of relief by the county under this chapter, the director of the department shall formally notify the county of the particular respects in which it fails to comply with the law or the rules and regulations of the department, and of the changes which are necessary to effect full compliance. The county shall be allowed a reasonable time to effect compliance; if it fails to do so within such reasonable time, it shall be ordered to appear before the director to show cause, if it has any, for its failure to comply with the law or the rules and regulations of the department.

If a county is charged by the director with failure to comply with the law or the rules and regulations of the department, the county may demand a public hearing before the director. If a hearing is demanded, the director shall hold it promptly.

If the director finds that a county has failed to comply with the law or the rules and regulations of the department, and is unwilling or unable to make the changes necessary to effect full compliance, the director may withhold financial assistance for the direct and administrative costs of relief, or either, until the county complies.

*(Added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)*

**18478.** The department may operate the relief administration in any county after the denial of financial assistance to the county in accordance with the provisions of Section 18477, and the county proportion of the costs thereof shall be charged against the county and shall be a proper charge against the county. The department shall certify to the county auditor any amounts so charged against the county, the county auditor shall include in his state settlement report rendered to the Controller in the months of January and June the amounts so certified and due under the provisions of this section, and the county treasurer, at the time of the settlement with the state in such months, shall pay to the State Treasurer, upon the order of the Controller, the amounts due under the provisions of this section.

*(Added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)*