

be promptly paid or credited to the United States Government, and the balance divided between the State and the county in proportion to the amount of the assistance paid by each respectively.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 17.

17. (Recovery From the Estate.) On the death of any recipient, the total amount of assistance paid under this Article shall be allowed as a preferred claim against his estate, ranking in order of priority, after funeral expenses, and prior to all other claims and expenses. One-half of the net amount realized from all such claims shall be promptly paid or credited to the United States Government, provided, that no such claim shall be enforced against any real estate of a recipient while it is occupied by the recipient's surviving spouse or dependents.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 18. 1939, ch. 233, sec. 18.

18. (Removal to Another County.) Any applicant who has moved into the county in which he applies within one year prior to application, shall be deemed, for all purposes of this Article, a resident of the county in which he last had one year's continuous residence. No recipient may transfer his residence from one county to another without the written consent of the County Departments of both counties, which consent shall not transfer liability for his assistance to the county into which he shall so remove.

1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 12, sec. 19. 1939, ch. 233, sec. 19.

19. (Annual Appropriations.) As long as the Federal Government continues to appropriate and make available funds on a matching basis of fifty per centum of all money expended for Old Age Assistance, the County Commissioners of each County and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall annually levy or appropriate a sum of money sufficient to provide for one-sixth of all assistance paid or to be paid within said county or city. In the event of the withdrawal of the participation of the Federal Government, the County Commissioners of each county and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall annually appropriate a sum of money sufficient to provide for one-third of all assistance paid or to be paid in said county or city. Provided, however, that the County Commissioners of each county and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall not be obligated to pay out any sums as assistance in excess of one-third of the total of all assistance paid or to be paid within said county or city hereunder, except to the extent that funds may be available in the State Treasury.

As long as the Federal Government continues to appropriate and make available funds on a matching basis of fifty per cent of all money expended for Old Age Assistance, the State Department shall allocate funds to each county and the City of Baltimore to the extent of five-sixths of the amount expended for Old Age Assistance for each person receiving old age assistance under the provisions of this Article. In the event the Federal Government discontinues grants in aid for Old Age Assistance, the State shall allocate funds to each county and the City of Baltimore to the extent of two-thirds of the amount expended for assistance under this Article. Estimates shall be presented quarterly by the County Departments to the State Department and, when approved, warrants shall be issued monthly