

vision is sufficient to qualify him for aid; provided that when a re-examination is made to determine continued eligibility such aid may be continued until the division of public assistance notifies the county agency with respect to any case that such eligibility no longer continues.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (1) and (2), Register, March, 1963, No. 87, eff. 4-1-63; am. Register, April, 1967, No. 136, eff. 5-1-67.

**PW-PA 20.10 Payment of aid to the disabled.** All payments of aid to the disabled shall be made under the following conditions:

(1) **APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY.** Before aid may be granted the report of the examining physician must be submitted by the county agency to the state department of public welfare for review by the department and its physician consultant and the county agency notified of approval by the division of public assistance. Aid to totally and permanently disabled persons shall not be granted until such division has notified the county agency of such approval; provided that when a reexamination is made to determine continued eligibility such aid may be continued until the division of public assistance notifies the county agency with respect to any case that such eligibility no longer continues.

(2) **LIMITATIONS.** (b) Aid under this program is limited to persons the cost of whose care cannot be provided by parents or other legally responsible persons consistent with standards of public assistance applied in the social security aids.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. (2) (a), Register, June, 1967, No. 138, eff. 7-1-67.

**PW-PA 20.11 Payment of aids.** All payments to recipients of old age assistance, aid to dependent children (including payments on behalf of children in foster homes pursuant to section 49.19 (10), Wis. Stats.), aid to the blind, and aid to totally and permanently disabled persons, shall be made under the following provisions:

(1) **CASH.** Payment shall be made by county check payable to the beneficiary or to a person judicially appointed as the legal representative of such beneficiary by the courts under chapter 319, Wis. Stats., and shall not be subject to discount but redeemable in cash in the amount of its full face value upon demand; provided that in the case of aid to totally and permanently disabled persons such county check, payable to the beneficiary, may be delivered to the attorney-in-fact who has been authorized to receive it by the voluntarily executed power of attorney of such beneficiary; and provided further that nothing in this rule shall be deemed to supersede any provision of section PW-PA 20.06 governing relatives' eligibility for aid to dependent children.

(2) **RESTRICTION ON USE OF ASSISTANCE NOT PERMITTED.** Payment must consist of an unconditional transfer and delivery of said check to the recipient for expenditures by him in his discretion and shall not be made in lieu of wages or with respect to work done.

(3) **DATE.** Payment of assistance shall be made in the month for which the grant of aid is designated, either in the full amount of the monthly allowance or in two or more installments. When a single payment is made for the full amount of the monthly allowance, it

shall be made not later than the fifth day of the month. When the monthly allowance is paid in installments, each installment shall be for equal periods based on a thirty-day month. Payment of the first installment shall be made no later than the fifth day of the month and each subsequent installment no later than the fifth day of each installment period. Payment of an initial allowance may be made subsequent to the fifth day of the month and shall be made within the month. Additional payments made to meet increased budgetary needs may be made subsequent to the fifth day of the month but not later than the end of the second succeeding month following the month for which the increased payment is made. [EXCEPTION] Payment on behalf of a child in a foster home pursuant to section 49.19 (10), Wis. Stats., shall be made in arrears and not later than the tenth day of the month following the month for which the payment is made.

(4) **COVERAGE.** Payment may not include any time prior to the first of the month in which the aid applied for is officially authorized and payment is made; provided, however, that this provision shall not preclude continuing payments when an eligible recipient moves from one county to another nor adjustments when grants of aid are reinstated after suspension, nor adjustments upon order of the state department of public welfare, division of public assistance, made in accordance with section 49.50 (8), Wis. Stats.

(5) **ENDORSEMENT.** Pursuant to federal regulation, checks must be endorsed by the payee with his signature; provided that persons unable to write shall endorse their assistance checks either by mark or by finger print in the presence of two witnesses who shall append their signatures and addresses; provided that in the case of aid to totally and permanently disabled persons an attorney-in-fact voluntarily appointed by the beneficiary may cash checks payable to the beneficiary when he is authorized to do so by power of attorney.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (1), Register, February, 1959, No. eff. 38, 3-1-59; am. Register, March, 1962, No. 75, eff. 4-1-62.

**PW-PA 20.12 History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (7) (b), Register, October, 1964, No. 106, eff. 11-1-64; r. Register, January, 1967, No. 133, eff. 2-1-67.

**PW-PA 20.13 State relief for Indians.** (1) **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this rule is to define the terms "Indian", "tax-free land", and "relief" as used in section 49.046, Wis. Stats., and to provide regulations and administrative interpretations to implement such section.

(2) **DEFINITIONS.** (a) The term "Indian" shall include a person whose proportion of Indian blood is one-fourth or more.

(b) "Tax-free land" is defined as land which is subject to neither assessment nor levy of a real property tax either as a general tax or as a payment in lieu of taxes.

(c) "Relief" as used in section 49.046, Wis. Stats., means relief as defined in section 49.01 (1), Wis. Stats.

(d) "Department" shall mean the state department of public welfare.

(3) **ADMINISTRATION.** (a) *Agency to administer relief.* The department shall whenever possible appoint the county agency administrator-

(4) **MOTIONS.** (a) Motions not made on the record at the time of hearing shall be filed with the department in writing.

(b) Request for recovery by default will be received upon failure to answer or plead to the complaint within the statutory period. Such request shall be accompanied by affidavit showing the fact that and the date when verified claims were filed upon the clerk of the defendant or defendants, together with copies of such claims incorporated by reference in the affidavit.

(c) When a hearing has been set and a party notified fails to appear, the parties present may offer such proofs or motions as they desire, and the department shall thereafter notify the absent party that unless he file an affidavit showing reasonable excuse for absence and of merit the department will render its decision upon the record made. If the department is satisfied with such affidavit it may in its discretion set the case for further hearing on such conditions as may be just.

(d) Motion for summary judgment upon the pleadings may be submitted by either party pursuant to section 270.635, Wis. Stats., and in event of such motion, the parties shall submit affidavits setting forth the evidentiary facts, including documents or copies thereof for the purpose of determining whether there is a triable issue.

(5) **SERVICE OF PAPERS.** The fact of mailing and the date when a non-resident affidavit was mailed may be proved by affidavit of the clerk or deputy clerk who sent such notice. Such affidavit shall show compliance with the mailing statute in force at the time the notice was mailed. See section 49.11 (7) (d), Wis. Stats., which requires the mailing of notices by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested.

(6) **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT.** No proceeding shall be maintained unless a verified claim for the amount of money due has been duly presented to and disallowed by the county or municipality sought to be charged.

(7) **RESUMES AND TRANSCRIPTS.** (a) The department may at any time prior to decision require or permit the parties to file briefs on either fact or law.

(b) Transcripts of testimony taken or proceedings had before the department will be furnished to parties upon request and payment of the sum of 10 cents per folio and 5 cents per folio for each additional copy thereof. After an appeal has been taken, transcripts will be furnished upon payment of the sum of 5 cents per folio.

(8) **WITNESS FEES.** (a) Witnesses may be paid as provided by section 49.11 (7) (a), Wis. Stats., for attendance at hearings.

(b) Where more than one witness travels in the same car, only one mileage fee shall be allowed, except that all witnesses may receive sufficient mileage fees to cover necessary meals.

(c) Where witnesses travel by public conveyance, actual cost of conveyance plus necessary and reasonable bills for meals and hotels may be allowed.

(d) Interpreters' fees shall be the same as witness fees.

(e) In no case shall any of the above allowances be in excess of the regular mileage allowance. Witness fees shall be proved by submission of receipt of the witness.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1962, No. 82, eff. 11-1-62.

**PW-PA 20.20 Reimbursement of county administrative costs.** For the purpose of promulgating more uniform and standard administrative procedures in county agencies, reimbursement from state and federal funds will be made toward county administrative costs incurred for payments to employees for expenses incurred in performing their duties on the following basis:

(1) The reimbursable portion of the traveling expenses of such employees shall be subject to the same limitations and requirements as are imposed on state employees when such employees incur expenses for similar purposes.

(2) As a limitation on state reimbursement, the provisions of section 20.941, Wis. Stats., relating to the allowance for the use of a personal automobile shall apply to county employees, any part of whose salary or expenses is paid directly or indirectly, by the state.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, June, 1967, No. 138, eff. 7-1-67.

**PW-PA 20.21 Destruction of record material.** (1) **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this rule is to define the limitations of section 59.715 (21), Wis. Stats., pertaining to the destruction of case record and other record material in aid to the blind, aid to dependent children, old-age assistance and aid to disabled persons, and in relief for which claim for state reimbursement is made under section 49.04, Wis. Stats., and the destruction of records in Indian relief claims under section 49.046, Wis. Stats.

(2) **RECORDS TO BE PERMANENTLY PRESERVED.** A face sheet or similar record of each case and a financial record of all payments for each aid account shall be permanently preserved.

(a) Face sheet or similar record means a sheet or sheets giving identifying data about the person or persons concerned, sufficient to distinguish the particular person or family, including such information as names, addresses, occupations, relatives, birth and marriage dates and marital status.

(b) Financial record means a financial card or ledger sheet showing all payments made to or in behalf of the individual or family aided, by month, and including a record of all refunds and collections.

(3) **CONDITIONS FOR DESTRUCTION OF OTHER RECORDS.** Records, other than those specified in subsection (2) of this rule, may be destroyed when there has been no case activity on the part of the county department and the particular person or family for a period of 5 years just preceding, except as hereinafter provided.

(a) No records may be destroyed in any case in which:

1. An estate against which the county has a claim has not been settled.

2. There is property on which the county has an old-age assistance lien and the claim has not been settled.

3. Claims for reimbursement under section 49.04 and section 49.046, Wis. Stats., have not been settled and audited.

(b) Claims paid by the county, and papers supporting such claims, and cancelled checks for payments made to or in behalf of recipients of aid to the blind, aid to dependent children, old-age assistance, aid to disabled persons or relief to needy Indians may not be destroyed until after 7 years, in accordance with subsections 59.715 (9) and (18), Wis. Stats.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1962, No. 82, eff. 11-1-62.

Register, June, 1967, No. 138