

State of Wisconsin



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1995 WISCONSIN ACT 18

AN ACT *to amend* 49.01 (5m) and 49.02 (1m); and *to create* 49.032 (1) (g) of the statutes; **relating to:** standards of need and benefits under the general relief program.

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

SECTION 1. 49.01 (5m) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.01 (5m) "General relief" means such services, commodities or money as are reasonable and necessary under the circumstances to provide food, housing, clothing, fuel, light, water, medicine, provided by a general relief agency to eligible dependent persons under this chapter. "General relief" includes the benefits under s. 49.032, medical, dental, and surgical treatment (including hospital care), optometrical services, nursing, transportation, and funeral expenses, and include wages for work relief. The food furnished shall be of a kind and quantity sufficient to provide a nourishing diet. The housing provided shall be adequate for health and decency. Where there are children of school age the general relief furnished shall include necessities for which no other provision is made by law. The general relief furnished, whether by money or otherwise, shall be at such times and in such amounts, as will in the discretion of the gener-

al relief official or agency meet the needs of the recipient and protect the public.

SECTION 2. 49.02 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.02 (1m) Every county shall furnish general relief to all eligible dependent persons within the county and shall establish or designate a general relief agency to administer general relief. The general relief agency shall establish written criteria to be used to determine dependency and shall establish written standards of need to be used to determine the type and amount of general relief to be furnished. The general relief agency shall review the standards of need at least annually. The general relief agency may establish work-seeking rules for general relief applicants and recipients.

SECTION 3. 49.032 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

49.032 (1) (g) Except to pay the funeral expenses of an eligible dependent person, a general relief agency is not required to make a general relief payment that exceeds the minimum monthly benefit amount determined under pars. (c) and (d) to meet an eligible dependent person's nonmedical needs.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1993-94: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].