

CHAPTER 261

AN ACT to amend 49.40 of the statutes, relating to method of payment of public assistance medical care.

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

49.40 of the statutes is 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 \* \* \* by such county agency and allowed \* \* \* within money payments to the recipient under \* \* \* ss. 49.18 (1) (a), 49.19 (5), 49.22 and 49.61 (6) (a) or paid by the county agency in addition to or in lieu of such money payments; provided that the method of payment for any medical service either by money payment or vendor payment shall be determined by the department for the purpose of obtaining maximum federal participation. Medical care provided under this section includes hospitalization, home care when prescribed by a physician 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 for vendor medical payments made in behalf of recipients 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.

Approved June 28, 1957.

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