

## **ORDINANCE 97-09**

### **AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED , MOODY COUNTY WELFARE GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS, The county board of commissioners recognizes its legal responsibility to provide assistance to the indigent persons of the county under SDCL 28-13.

Further, as specified in State Law (SDCL Ch 10-12; SDCL 7-8-20 (7)), the county realizes the fiscal limitations of its tax base and any other resource available for the provision of assistance to the indigent.

The county resolves to administer its Poor Relief Program equitably and efficiently and to provide the necessary resources to those most in need. Accordingly, the county promulgates these written guidelines to insure a fair and equitable method for distribution of relief to the indigent.

To assure the efficient and equitable allocation of the county's poor relief resources, limited by a determined property tax base, program requirements / limitations are necessary with respect to the total amount of poor relief available and the amount available in each category of relief. The requirements may be waived for good cause shown. Such requirements are presented on a county wide basis, in addition to those already imposed by state statute. In the event of any conflict, state and/or federal statute shall supersede.

Now, therefore, be it ordained, that the Moody County Board of Commissioners do hereby adopt new economic assistance eligibility guidelines as set forth in the revised County Welfare Guideline Policies which are on file in the County Auditor's Office for review during regular business hours. An outline of the proposed regulations is as follows:

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| Section | I.    | Statement of Purpose                        |
|         | II.   | Definitions                                 |
|         | III.  | General Administration and Policy           |
|         | IV.   | Application for County Assistance           |
|         | V.    | The Applicant's Right to Know               |
|         | VI.   | Circumstances and Conditions of Eligibility |
|         | VII.  | Categories of Eligibility                   |
|         | VIII. | Interview                                   |
|         | IX.   | Notice and Review of Adverse Action; Appeal |
|         | X.    | Medical and/or Hospital Care Assistance     |
|         | XI.   | Medical Assistance Eligibility Form         |

- XII. Exceptions to Medical Indigency
- XIII. Hospital Responsibilities
- XIV. Economic Assistance
- XV. Burial and Funeral Assistance

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1997.

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