

necessary; the object of such investigation shall be to ascertain the facts supporting the application made under sections 256.11 to 256.43 and such other information as may be required by the rules of the state agency. Upon the completion of such investigation, the county agency shall promptly decide upon the application, fix the amount of old age assistance, if any, and issue to each applicant to whom old age assistance is allowed, a certificate stating the date upon which old age assistance payments shall commence and the amount of each installment, which shall be paid monthly.

Subd. 2. If upon the investigation the county agency shall decide that the application was not filed in the county from which the applicant is entitled to receive assistance under section 256.19, Subdivision 1, it shall transfer the application and all records of its investigation to the county decided to be responsible for the payment of assistance. Thereupon the latter county shall proceed in the same manner as though the application had been originally filed with it. If, after prompt investigation, the agency of the county to which the application is transferred decides that county is not responsible for the payment of assistance, it shall transmit to the state agency the original application together with such information and records as the state agency shall require. The state agency shall make such investigation as it deems necessary and shall make an order determining the county responsible for payment and referring the application to such county for appropriate action. A copy of the order of the state agency shall be mailed to the county found responsible and to the applicant. The order shall be binding and shall be complied with unless reversed on appeal and shall be complied with pending any appeal. Any order of the state agency hereunder may be appealed in the manner provided by section 256.21, subdivision 2.

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CHAPTER 321—H. F. No. 413

An act relating to medical and hospital benefits for certain public employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 471.61, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 193, Section 1, and adding new provisions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 471.61, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 193, Section 1, is amended to read:

471.61 Group insurance protection for officers, employees. Subdivision 1. **Cost paid by government units; deductions.** Any county, municipal corporation, town, school district, *County extension committee* or other political subdivision of this state through its governing body, *and any two or more subdivisions acting jointly through their governing bodies, may insure or protect its or their officers and employees, and their dependents, or any class or classes thereof, under a policy or policies, or contract or contracts of group insurance or benefits covering life, health, and accident, in the case of employees, and medical and surgical benefits, and hospitalization insurance or benefits, for both employees and dependents, or any one or more of such forms of insurance or protection. Any such governmental unit, except County extension committee or those paying their employees, may pay all or any part of the premiums or charges on such insurance or protection and any such payment shall be deemed to be additional compensation paid to such officers or employees. Any one or more of such governmental units may determine that a person is an officer or employee if such officer or employee receives a portion of his income from such governmental subdivisions without regard to the manner of his election or appointment.* The appropriate officer of such governmental unit, *or those disbursing county extension funds,* shall deduct from the salary or wages of each officer and employee who elects to become insured or so protected, on the officer's or employee's written order, all or part of the officer's or employee's share of such premiums or charges and remit the same to the insurer or company issuing such policy or contract.

Any governmental unit which pays all or any part of such premiums or charges is authorized to levy and collect a tax, if necessary, in the next annual tax levy for the purpose of providing the necessary funds for the payment of such premiums or charges, and such sums so levied and appropriated shall not, in the event such sum exceeds the maximum sum allowed by any law or the charter of a municipal corporation, be considered part of the cost of government of such governmental unit as defined in any tax levy or per capita expenditure limitation; provided at least 50 percent of the cost of benefits on dependents shall be contributed by the employee or be paid by levies within existing per capita tax limitations.

The word "dependents" as used herein shall mean spouse and minor unmarried children under the age of 19 years actually dependent upon the employee.

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