

(4) Except in the case of the Northwest Territories, no recipient shall be paid assistance for any period exceeding one month during which such recipient receives direct relief out of moneys paid in whole or in part by the Government of Canada.

Manner Payable

16. Assistance shall be paid by cheque or other instrument in a form approved by the province.

Incapacity of Recipient

17. (1) Where a recipient is incapacitated through infirmity, illness or any other cause, and is unable to look after his own affairs, or, if the provincial authority considers that the recipient is using or is likely to use his assistance otherwise than for his own benefit, the provincial authority may pay the assistance to a trustee appointed by such provincial authority to be expended for the benefit of the recipient.

(2) Any such trustee may be removed by the provincial authority or may resign and the provincial authority may appoint another trustee in his place.

(3) Any trustee so appointed shall, when required by the provincial authority, make returns showing the amount of the assistance received, the amount that has been expended for the benefit of the recipient and the balance remaining in the hands of the trustee.

(4) Subject to sub-section (1), where the trustee so appointed is an officer or employee of an institution in which a recipient is being maintained, the provincial authority may authorize the trustee to pay to such institution such proportion of the assistance as is considered by the provincial authority to be a reasonable sum for the maintenance of the recipient, but shall require the trustee to make available to the recipient an amount which it considers reasonable for his personal use.

Suspension of Assistance

18. (1) The payment of assistance shall be suspended

(a) during the absence of a recipient from Canada, but the provincial authority may, if satisfied that the circumstances so justify, pay the assistance for any period of absence not exceeding a total of ninety-two days in the twelve month period preceding the return of the recipient to Canada;

(b) while serving any sentence to imprisonment that exceeds thirty days;

(c) during the period that a recipient neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations or to furnish any information that he is required to furnish pursuant thereto.

(2) A provincial authority shall recover from a recipient any sum improperly paid by way of assistance whether such sum was paid as the result of non-disclosure of facts, misrepresentations or any other cause, and, if the provincial authority is unable to recover the whole of such sum, the provincial authority shall suspend the payment of the assistance of such recipient until the aggregate amount of the suspended payments equals the sum improperly paid less any amount that has been recovered prior to such suspension; provided that where the recipient has not been guilty of fraud or misrepresentation the provincial authority, in its discretion, may reduce