

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

To: Helen Reinhart

Date July 9, 1969

From: S.R. Harry, Intake Supervisor

My workers have requested written clarification on two points of General Assistance legal settlement and domicile policy.

1. It is my understanding that interim G may be granted to an applicant who has not lived in Michigan for one year if he applies for ADC, OAA, AD, or AB, and appears to be eligible. In these cases it is not necessary to correspond with the state in which the applicant claims to reside.
2. I think that we tend to be over-restrictive where domicile is concerned. The Legal Settlement and Domicile Manual says, "In most cases, every person has a domicile... 'intent' is a basic factor. We have to determine where a person (head of a family) believes that he is living permanently. Ordinarily this is easy to decide by asking the individual. However, in some cases, it may be necessary to review the evidence."

A person who has a home in another county and is just passing through or visiting would not, of course, have domicile in Ingham County. These people would usually be willing to return to their home county and request assistance there. We may assist people who have been hospitalized in this county to get assistance from the county where their home is, but we would not be responsible for any of the costs of hospitalization. However, anyone who has given up their home -whether owned, rented or shared- in another county, and has come here with the intention of making his home in Ingham County, is eligible for G if he has Michigan residence.

Is this the correct interpretation?

SH/bd