

**NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND
PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES SECTION
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE BLIND PROGRAM**

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I. PHILOSOPHY

Individuals who are legally blind have the right to apply for special assistance when the financial resources available to him/her are not sufficient to meet his/her daily living demands. The policies and procedures described in this Manual are designed to explain the requirements for obtaining these resources.

II. LEGAL BASIS

The North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind is responsible for administering the Special Assistance for the Blind Program (North Carolina General Statute 111-13; 111-14; 111-17; 143B-157).

III. DEFINITION

Special Assistance for the Blind is a joint program of State and County agencies whose purpose is to provide supplemental financial assistance to legally blind individuals whose personal financial resources are insufficient to meet their special needs of daily living.

There are two types of financial assistance available from Special Assistance for the Blind:

- A. Cash Payments for Eligible Blind Individuals Residing in a Rest Home, and
- B. Cash Payments Provided for Eligible Blind Individuals Residing in Private Living Arrangements.