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Chapter 440 [Department of Social Services -- General Assistance Program](#)

- **Section 010 [Program Adopted](#)**
 - There is adopted an indigent relief program for the county, to be known as the general assistance program. The general assistance program shall be the means by which the board of supervisors, under the Welfare and Institutions Code of the state of California, discharges its responsibility to provide aid for needy residents of Glenn County; and by which the board exercises, under said code, its authority to provide emergency relief for needy nonresidents living within Glenn County. (Ord. 359 § 1, 1957.)
- **Section 020 [Purpose of Adoption](#)**
 - The general assistance program is adopted to assure uniform operation of indigent relief activities throughout the county; to promote, protect and secure the general welfare of the people thereof and to assist and encourage indigents to be self-supporting. (Ord. 359 § 2, 1957.)
- **Section 030 [Standards Established](#)**
 - The Glenn County department of social services shall list the basic requirements of all people for decent, healthy, minimum standards of living and shall assign money values to each of the requirements in accordance with the minimum costs of the requirements. The department shall also list the special requirements of some persons for decent and healthy living and shall assign money values to each of the special requirements in accordance with the minimum costs of the special requirements. These basic and special requirements expressed in money figures shall be known as the standards of general assistance. (Ord. 937 § 2 (part), 1989; Ord. 359 § 3.1, 1957.)
- **Section 040 [Approval & Adoption](#)**
 - The standards of general assistance shall be submitted by the Glenn County department of social services to the board for approval and adoption. (Ord. 937 § 2, (part), 1989; Ord. 359 § 3.2, 1957.)
- **Section 050 [Standards--Revisions](#)**
 - After adoption, the standards of general assistance shall be revised upward or downward by the

Glenn County department of social services as the costs of the basic and special requirements vary, but such revisions shall have prior approval and adoption by the board before becoming effective. (Ord. 937 § 2 (part), 1989; Ord. 359 § 3.3, 1957.)

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Section 060 Operating policy--Establishment

- The department of social services shall develop detailed operating policies and procedures based on this chapter, and shall submit these for review and approval of the board. Such policies and procedures shall become effective upon approval by the board. (Ord. 937 § 2, (part), 1989; Ord. 359 § 4.1, 1957.)

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Section 070 Operating policy--Revisions

- Revisions, deletions or additions of operating policies and procedures as developed by the department of social services, shall be submitted for review and approval of the board before becoming effective. (Ord. 937 § 2 (part), 1989; Ord. 359 § 4.2, 1957.)

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Section 080 Determination of Eligibility

- A. Eligibility for general assistance shall be determined by the Glenn County department of social services by measuring an applicant's readily available resources against the established standards of general assistance. Those persons, found to have such resources in lesser amounts than their needs as determined by the standards of general assistance, shall be considered to be eligible for general assistance insofar as need is concerned.

B. Eligibility for general assistance, insofar as residence is concerned, shall be determined by the department in accordance with the Welfare and Institutions Code of the state of California, and shall change to conform to any amendments to said code.

(Ord. 937 § 2 (part), 1989; Ord. 359 § 5, 1957.)

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Section 090 Method of Payment

- General assistance may be paid by Glenn County warrant, aid in kind, or surplus commodities. (Ord. 359 § 6, 1957.)

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Section 100 Determination of Kindred Responsibility

- A. Determination of those kindred of recipients held to be responsible to support or contribute to the support of general assistance, recipients shall be made in accordance with the Welfare and Institutions Code of the state of California and shall change to conform to any amendments to said code.

B. A standard for determining the extent of liability of the kindred to support recipients of general assistance shall be developed by the department of social services; such standard shall become effective upon approval of adoption by the board, and shall not be changed without prior approval of the board.

(Ord. 937 § 2 (part), 1989; Ord. 359 § 7, 1957.)

- **Section 110 Appeal**
 - Any applicant for or recipient of general assistance who believes that general assistance has been improperly denied by the Glenn County department of social services or that general assistance has been granted by the department in a lesser amount than required by the standards of general assistance, may present the matter to the board of supervisors. (Ord. 937 § 2 (part), 1989; Ord. 359 § 8, 1957.)

- **Section 120 Variances**
 - Where conditions exist which make compliance with any rule impracticable, the department of social services may recommend that the board modify or amend any requirement set forth in this chapter. (Ord. 937 § 2 (part), 1989; Ord. 359 § 9, 1957.)

- **Section 130 False Statement a Misdemeanor**
 - Every person who knowingly gives any false or fraudulent statements or information to obtain assistance or benefits under this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 1060 § 14, 1995; Ord. 359 § 10, 1957.)

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