

Section 1. Clause (4) of subsection (a) of section 9.1, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," added July 26, 1961 (P. L. 875) is amended to read:

Section 9.1. Medical Assistance for the Aged.—(a) As used in this act,

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(4) "Public nursing home care," means inpatient treatment and care, other than inpatient hospital care, in a medical institution or distinct part of a medical institution operated by a county, county institution district or municipality, exclusive of institutions for tuberculosis or mental illness. *Public nursing home care also means inpatient treatment and care, other than inpatient hospital care, in a geriatric center operated by the Department of Public Welfare.*

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of June, A. D. 1964.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 4

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 19, 1939 (P. L. 438), entitled "An act declaring certain restricted State hospitals to be general hospitals, and within the limitations of their individual facilities, open for the treatment of patients and cases which other general hospitals may treat," authorizing the use of the hospitals as geriatric centers and making changes to conform to existing law.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1, act of June 19, 1939 (P. L. 438), entitled "An act declaring certain restricted State hospitals to be general hospitals, and within the limitations of their individual facilities, open for the treatment of patients and cases which other general hospitals may treat," is amended to read:

Section 1. The State hospitals hereinafter set forth [which under existing laws are restricted as to the admission or acceptance of certain patients or certain types of cases,] are hereby declared to be general hospitals for the care and treatment of the [acutely] ill, without any restrictions other than those now or hereafter imposed by law upon all general hospitals, and except as each individual institution is restricted by the limitations of its facilities and equipment: *Provided, That with the approval of the Governor, the Secretary of Public Welfare*

may convert any such hospital or distinct part of such hospital to a geriatric center as provided in "The Administrative Code of 1929." When only a part of a hospital is used as a geriatric center, the responsibilities of the board of trustees of such hospital shall continue to extend to the entire institution:

Ashland State *General Hospital*, Ashland, Pennsylvania;

Blossburg State *General Hospital*, Blossburg, Pennsylvania;

Coaldale State *General Hospital*, Coaldale, Pennsylvania;

Connellsville State *General Hospital*, Connellsville, Pennsylvania;

Hazleton State *General Hospital*, Hazleton, Pennsylvania;

Locust Mountain State *General Hospital*, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania;

Nanticoke State *General Hospital*, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania;

Philipsburg State *General Hospital*, Philipsburg, Pennsylvania;

Scranton State *General Hospital*, Scranton, Pennsylvania;

Shamokin State *General Hospital*, Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of June, A. D. 1964.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 5

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment