



## **1410.16: Establishment of Public Aid Committee**

In each county a Public Aid Committee must be established to hear appeals.

The Public Aid Committee of a county is composed as follows:

### **(1) In counties under Township Organization (excluding Cook County):**

the Public Aid Committee consists of the Chairman of the County Board and 4 committee members who are township supervisors of GA appointed by the Chairman with the advice and consent of the county board. Not more than 2 may be members of the same political party, unless the political composition of the township supervisors in the county precludes such a limitation. In any appeal involving a local GA Unit whose supervisor is a member of the Committee, the supervisor is replaced for that appeal by an alternate member who is also a township supervisor designated by the Chairman of the County Board.

At least one member of the Public Aid Committee must be a person knowledgeable in the area of GA and the regulations of DHS which relate to the matter being appealed. However, if no member of the Committee has such knowledge, upon request of the committee, the GA Unit, or the appellant (or representative), the LOA or designee (GA Liaison) from the Illinois Department of Human Services is to be present at the Committee hearing to advise the Committee on GA policy.

### **(2) In Cook County:**

the Public Aid Committee consists of 2 township supervisors of GA, and 3 persons knowledgeable in GA and the regulations of DHS. These 3 persons may not be officers, agents, or employees of any township. Local and Regional Office staff forward any inquiries or requests for DHS staff to serve on the appeal committee to the Bureau of Operations Support. The township supervisors appoint the 5-member committee, Each committee member is appointed for a 3-year term.

A township supervisor may not hear an appeal involving a client from the supervisor's own township. For that appeal the supervisor must be replaced by another township supervisor.

### **(3) In Commission-form counties:**

the Public Aid Committee consists of the 3 members of the County Board of Commissioners. In these counties, the County Board appoints an administrator for the GA program.

### **(4) Additional Board Responsibility**

In every county, the County Board:

- provides facilities for conducting hearings on GA appeals;
- meets the expenses in all township counties (except Cook) incidental to such hearings; and
- prescribes the appeal forms to be used.