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Title XIX of the Social Security Act, enacted by the Social Security Amendments of 1965, provided for grants to states to implement the *Medicaid Program*.

B-200 GOAL OF THE *MEDICAID PROGRAM*

The *Medicaid Program* was established to meet the following goals for all persons who qualify for Medicaid under the Title XIX State Plan Agreement with the federal government:

- Promote a healthy population.
- Prevent illness and premature death.
- Correct or limit disability.
- Treat illnesses.
- Provide maximum rehabilitation.

B-300 MEDICAID

Medicaid is a federal-state entitlement program that pays for medical services on behalf of low-income eligible persons.

Medicaid is financed from federal and state funds.

B-400 100% STATE-FUNDED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The state provides payment from all state funds for medical assistance to certain **recipients** who are ineligible for Medicaid. The same services are covered as those covered for Medicaid **recipients**.

Exception:

Foster children who are covered under 100% State-Funded medical assistance are not eligible for non-emergency medical transportation services.

B-500 SINGLE STATE AGENCY

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) is the single state agency under the Louisiana State Plan for administration of medical benefits.

State laws governing the **Medicaid Program** are in Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

B-600 RESERVED**B-700 MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals has a Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC), which is mandated by Title XIX regulations. The MCAC consists of 25 persons and includes state legislators, physicians and other representatives of the health professions, members of consumer groups, including Title XIX recipients and consumer organizations, and the Secretary of the Department of **Health and Hospitals** or his designee.