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## Chapter IV

## MEDICAID IN OPERATION

Medicaid went into effect on January 1, 1966. Largely as a consequence of this new program, total federally assisted medical vendor payments rose from \$1,358 million in calendar year 1965 to an estimated \$4,184 million in FY 1969. Figure 1 pictures the trend from 1951, when medical vendor payments were first authorized for the categorical assistance programs, projected through FY 1969. The trend line shows clearly the escalating effect of the Kerr-Mills law in 1960, which authorized more generous Federal cost sharing and expanded coverage and services for the aged, and then the more pronounced upsurge with Medicaid from FY 1966 through FY 1969.

As of July 1, 1968, 38 States and three territories were operating Medicaid programs. Twenty-six State programs began in calendar year 1966, 11 in 1967, and one in 1968 thus far, as indicated in Table 3.

**Table 3. States Operating Medicaid Programs as of July 1, 1968 by Month of Initiation**

Program Initiated	State
January 1966	Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania
March 1966	California
May 1966	New York
July 1966	Connecticut, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Nebraska, Ohio, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin
September 1966	Massachusetts
October 1966	Delaware, Michigan
December 1966	New Mexico
June 1967	Kansas
July 1967	Iowa, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, Wyoming
September 1967	Texas
October 1967	Georgia, Missouri, South Dakota
July 1968	South Carolina

Source: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Social and Rehabilitation Service, "Selected Characteristics of the Medical Assistance Program under Title 19 of the Social Security Act" (various dates).

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