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DECREE

on Social Assistance

Issued in Helsinki on January 30, 1998

On the submission of the minister appointed to deal with matters within the purview of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, the following is enacted under section 7, paragraph 3, section 9, paragraph 4, and section 27 of the Act on Social Assistance of December 30, 1997 (1412/1997):

Section 1

*Expenses coverable by the supplementary benefit*

1. The necessary amount of social assistance supplementary benefit shall cover the following:

- 1) that part of the amount of housing expenses as referred to in section 6 of the Housing Allowances Act (408/1975) not included in the basic benefit, and other housing-related expenses;
- 2) health care expenses not included in the basic benefit;
- 3) children's daycare expenses; and
- 4) expenses judged necessary to ensure subsistence or to promote independence arising from the person's or family's special needs or circumstances.

2. Exceptionally, housing expenses coverable by the basic social assistance benefit according to section 7, paragraph 2, of the Act on Social Assistance (1412/1997) can be taken into account as expenses in accordance with paragraph 1, subparagraph 4, above.

Section 2

*Adjustment of the basic benefit*

The sums in Finnish marks (FIM) laid down in section 9 of the Act on Social Assistance shall be adjusted on the same

date and in the same proportion as the full national pension amount.

### Section 3

#### *Entry into force*

1. This Decree enters into force on March 1, 1998.
2. The sums in Finnish marks laid down in section 9 of the Act on Social Assistance correspond to the national pension index figure according to which the amounts of national pension payable in January 1998 are calculated.
3. Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree can be undertaken before its entry into force.

Helsinki, January 30, 1998

**President of the Republic**

**MARTTI AHTISAARI**

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