

1 20) and expectant mothers an opportunity for vaccination
2 against poliomyelitis, there are hereby authorized to be
3 appropriated for the period beginning July 1, 1955, and
4 ending December 31, 1956, such sums as may be neces-
5 sary to carry out the purposes of this paragraph. At the
6 request of any State the Surgeon General may use all or
7 any portion of any monetary grant authorized to be made
8 to such State under this paragraph for the purchase of poli-
9 myelitis vaccine to be furnished to the State in lieu of such
10 grant (or such portion thereof). Vaccine so furnished shall
11 be subject to the same requirements as to use as vaccine pur-
12 chased from monetary grants to States under this paragraph.
13 The Surgeon General may, in his discretion and in accord-
14 ance with regulations designed to assure the most effective
15 and equitable distribution of available supplies of poliomye-
16 litis vaccine, specify certain categories of children and ex-
17 pectant mothers to be accorded priority in receiving an
18 opportunity for vaccination against poliomyelitis, and dur-
19 ing any period in which any priority group has been so estab-
20 lished and is in effect all vaccine acquired by any State
21 through assistance provided pursuant to this paragraph shall
22 be made available only to persons within any such group.
23 As used in this paragraph, the term 'State' means a State
24 or the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico,