Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as empowering the secretary or director to compel any recipient of public assistance and a medical indigent person to undergo any physical examination, surgical operation, or accept any form of medical treatment contrary to the wishes of said person who relies on or is treated by prayer or spiritual means in accordance with the creed and tenets of any well recognized church or religious denomination. [2011 1st sp.s. c 15 § 13; 1979 c 141 § 342; 1959 c 26 § 74.09.190. Prior: 1955 c 273 § 23.]