

## Louisiana

### State Supplementation

#### Minimum State Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing.

**Effective date:** March 1, 1982

**Statutory basis for payment:** Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 133, 1980.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Bureau of Health Services Financing and contractors.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled persons, including children, who reside in a nonpsychiatric Medicaid long-term care facility.

**Resource limitations:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** None.

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State does not participate.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

**Number of recipients:** See Table 2.

### State Assistance for Special Needs

State provides assistance for special needs only to recipients who were determined eligible on or before December 1975.

### Medicaid

#### Eligibility

**Criteria:** SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

#### Medically Needy Program

State provides a program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

#### Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2004 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Medicaid facility	38.00	76.00	8.00	16.00

**DEFINITION:**

**Medicaid facility.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code D living arrangement.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2004**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
Medicaid facility	4,866	1,496	57	3,313