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**State Supplementation**

Number of states that provide—	
Both mandatory and optional supplementation	30
Mandatory supplementation only	5
Optional supplementation only (no recipients in mandatory supplementation)	15
No supplementation	1
Mandatory supplementation: number of states with—	
Federal administration	19
State administration	14
No recipients to supplement	17
No mandatory supplementation program	1
Optional supplementation: number of states with—	
Federal administration	9
State administration	30
Federal and state administration	6
No optional supplementation program	6

**Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR) Program**

Number of states that—	
Participate in program	38
Do not participate in program	13

**Medicaid Program**

Number of states that have—	
Federal determination of eligibility, federal SSI criteria	33
State determination of eligibility	17
Federal SSI criteria	7
State criteria	10
County determination of eligibility, state criteria	1

NOTE: These data are for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

## Preface

This report provides data on selected characteristics of state assistance programs for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients as of January 1, 2006. The programs are state supplementation of federal SSI payments (mandatory and optional), state assistance for special needs, and Medicaid. The characteristics selected for each program are those about which the Social Security Administration (SSA) receives questions most often from individuals, public and private organizations, and federal and state agencies. The program details are explained in the "Guide to Reading the State Summaries."

The report focuses on eligibility provisions and levels of assistance for individuals and couples, by living arrangements, who receive supplementary payments in each state and in the District of Columbia. Payment levels shown are the maximum amounts possible for these living arrangements. The report also presents information about federal and state administrative responsibilities for making payments, state criteria for special needs payments, and Medicaid eligibility.

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## Guide to Reading the State Summaries

This guide explains the program features detailed in the summaries for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Three of the major state assistance programs are:

- State supplementation (mandatory and optional) of federal Supplemental Security Income payments,
- State assistance for special needs, and
- Medicaid.

To facilitate comparisons across states, a separate section includes four tables that summarize:

- The number of persons receiving optional supplementation,
- Selected features of state supplementation programs,
- Selected features of medical programs affecting SSI recipients and the needy, and
- State threshold amounts for blind and disabled individuals to maintain Medicaid eligibility under section 1619(b) provisions of the Social Security Act.

With the exception of New Jersey and Rhode Island, all states and the District of Columbia have provided current data for this publication. The state summaries contain information on the program features discussed below.

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

The states provide mandatory minimum supplementation only to recipients who were converted to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program from the former state assistance programs when the SSI program began. Mandatory minimum state supplementary payments are required by Public Law 93-66 to maintain the December 1973 payment levels that these recipients received under the former state assistance programs. States are required to provide this supplementation to maintain their eligibility for Title XIX (Medicaid) federal matching funds. The governmental unit responsible for administering these payments may be either a state or local agency or the Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

Some states provide optional monthly supplements to help persons meet needs not fully covered by federal SSI payments. The state determines whether it will make a payment, to whom, and in what amount. These supplements, paid on a regular monthly basis, are intended to cover such items as food, shelter, clothing, utilities, and other daily and special necessities determined by the individual states. Some states provide optional supplementary payments to all persons eligible for SSI benefits. Others may limit payments to certain SSI recipients such as the blind or residents of domiciliary care facilities, or they may extend payments to persons who are ineligible for SSI because their income is too high.

**Administration.** The governmental unit responsible for administering these payments may be a state or local agency or the Social Security Administration (SSA). Under state administration, the state must absorb both program benefits and administrative costs. Under federal administration, the state must reimburse SSA for the cost of the program benefits and, as of October 1, 2005, must pay \$9.29 in administrative costs for each benefit paid. As of October 1, 2005, the rate was adjusted for inflation as calculated by the change in the consumer price index (CPI) between June 2004 and June 2005, rounded to the nearest whole cent. The Commissioner may select a different rate for a state, taking into account the complexity of administering the state's supplementary payment program.

**Effective date.** The date when the state instituted or revised its optional supplementation program.

**Statutory basis for payment.** The state law(s) authorizing the supplementary payments.

**Funding.** The source of funds for supplementary payments and administrative costs. In states requiring financial participation from local governments, the portions contributed by the state and the locality are indicated.

**Passalong method.** To maintain eligibility for Medicaid reimbursement, any state making supplementary payments after June 30, 1977, must continue making payments and must pass along the cost-of-living increase to the federal benefit rate (FBR). Two methods are available to ensure that cost-of-living increases are passed on to the recipients: the

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payment levels method and the total expenditure method.

Under the payment levels method, the state's supplemental payment for any of the living arrangement categories cannot be below its adjusted March 1983 payment levels. The adjusted level is the state's March 1983 payment level minus the portion of the July 1983 increase in the FBR that was not attributable to the increase in the cost of living (that portion was \$10.30 per individual and \$15.40 per couple); the essential person increment may be reduced by \$5.50.

Under the total expenditure method, state expenditures for supplementary payments in the current calendar year must at least equal expenditures in the preceding calendar year. If expenditures fall short in the current year, the state must increase expenditures in the next calendar year by an amount at least equal to the shortfall.

**Place of application.** The office(s) accepting applications for supplementary payments.

**Scope of coverage.** The categories of persons the state has elected to supplement. States with state-administered programs establish their own eligibility conditions and payment categories. States with federally administered programs must adhere to SSI eligibility criteria in all aspects but are allowed to establish additional income exclusions and payment categories.

**Resource limitations.** The resource limitations and exclusions for federally administered state supplementation are the same as for federal SSI payments: countable resources must be worth \$2,000 or less for an individual, or \$3,000 or less for a couple. Countable resources are properties—real or personal—that count toward the resource limits. Recognizing that not everything an individual owns is available for his or her support and maintenance, the law provides for excluding certain resources in determining eligibility for SSI. Excluded resources include (but are not limited to):

- The house an individual lives in;
- A car, if it is used to provide necessary transportation;
- Household goods (if needed for maintenance, use, and occupancy of the home) and personal effects;
- Life insurance policies with a total face value of \$1,500 or less per person;
- Burial plots or spaces for the individual or his or her immediate family;
- A burial fund of up to \$1,500 each for the burial expenses of the individual and his or her spouse.

- Property essential to self-support, including property used in a trade or business or on the job if the individual works for someone else.

States with state-administered supplementation can establish their own resource limitations and exclusions for optional state supplementary payments.

**Income exclusions.** An exclusion is the amount of a recipient's income that is not counted against the state supplementary payment.

In general, an SSI recipient's income from sources other than SSI is counted against the SSI payment amount. Some income, however, is excluded from being counted. The federal program excludes \$20 per month of earned or unearned income; in addition, \$65 per month of earned income plus one-half of the remaining earnings is excluded. Some types of income are entirely excluded, such as certain home energy and support and maintenance assistance, food stamps, most federally funded housing assistance, state assistance based on need, one-third of child support payments, and income received infrequently or irregularly.

States that choose federal administration must exclude at least the amounts excluded by the federal program and may exclude more. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment is reduced to zero is deducted from the state supplementary payment.

States with state-administered programs can establish their own income exclusions of any amount and type. In most states, the supplementary payment is added to the federal amount, and countable income is deducted first from the federal payment, as in states with federal administration. In a few states, however, the supplement takes the form of a state-guaranteed income amount that exceeds the federal benefit.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments.** Provisions of state supplementation plans governing recovery of assistance payments and assumption of a recipient's property by the agency. As a condition of providing assistance, a state may require that a lien be placed on a recipient's property. Such a requirement does not affect a person's eligibility or payment status for federal SSI benefits or federally administered state supplementary payments.

**Financial responsibility of relatives.** State supplementation provisions that govern the responsibility of relatives (other than parent for child and spouse for spouse) for providing economic support and returning overpayments.

**Interim assistance reimbursement (IAR).** The Social Security Administration may reimburse a state

that has provided basic needs assistance to an individual during the period in which either the person's application for SSI was pending or his or her SSI benefits were suspended or terminated. The individual's retroactive SSI payment is sent to the state as reimbursement if:

- The state has an agreement with SSA to participate in the IAR program;
- The individual has given SSA written authorization to have his or her retroactive payment sent to the state as reimbursement; and
- The individual is found eligible for SSI payments or has had his or her benefits reinstated for the same period of suspension or termination.

**Payment calculation method.** The state determines the method by which it calculates payments and what, if anything, will affect the payment.

**Payment levels.** The maximum state supplementary payments and the combined maximum federal and state payments that can be awarded to recipients without countable income are presented, by state-designated living arrangements, in Table 1 in each state summary. Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled recipients. The federal benefit rates that are included in the combined payment levels became effective January 2006 (unless otherwise stated) and are given in the table below.

In states where the SSI payments are federally administered, each living arrangement is described according to the following federal living arrangements. The state may also have other living arrange-

ments. States that administer the SSI payment have the option to supplement and determine their own definitions of living arrangements.

**Federal Code A.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in their own household whether or not they are receiving in-kind support and maintenance;
- Live in a foster or family care situation;
- Have no permanent living arrangement (for example, a transient);
- Live in an institution (except inmates of public institutions) for all or part of a month, provided that Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care; or
- Live alone with a child, spouse, or persons whose income may be deemed to the eligible person.

It also includes eligible persons for whom Codes B, C, and D do not apply.

**Federal Code B.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in a household other than their own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not their child, their spouse, or an ineligible person whose income is deemed to them; and
- Receive food and shelter from within that household.

The Code A payment standard is reduced by one-third for people in federal Code B living arrangements.

**Federal Code C.** Includes eligible children under age 18 who live in the same household as their parents (that is, deeming applies). The payment standard is the same as in Code A.

**Federal benefit rates, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangements	Individual	Couple	Essential person <sup>a</sup>
Living independently	603.00	904.00	302.00
Living in the household of another <sup>b</sup>	402.00	602.67	201.33
Living in a Medicaid facility <sup>c</sup>	30.00	60.00	...

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- This represents the additional amount included in a recipient's check to cover the needs of a household member who provides essential care and services to the recipient and whose needs were previously taken into account in determining the recipient's assistance payment under a state plan approved under titles I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act.
- If the recipient lives in another person's household for a full calendar month and receives both food and shelter from that person, the federal benefit rate (amounts for living independently) is reduced by one-third.
- Includes eligible persons who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of their care. It also includes eligible children under age 18 who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid, or a combination of Medicaid and private insurance, is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care.

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*Federal Code D.* Includes eligible persons who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of their care. It also includes eligible children under age 18 who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid, or a combination of Medicaid and private insurance, is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care.

**Number of recipients.** The number of recipients receiving optional payments from the state is displayed in Table 2 in each state summary. This number may include persons who are ineligible for federal SSI payments but meet state eligibility criteria.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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This assistance is for emergency or special conditions not covered by monthly SSI or optional state supplementary payments. Disaster benefits, burial expenses, additional subsidies for institutional care, and moving expenses are included in this category.

**Administration.** The governmental unit responsible for administering these payments is indicated.

**Special needs circumstances.** The special needs circumstances (recurring and nonrecurring) for which assistance can be approved are defined. Where available, eligibility requirements and payment limitations are described.

### ***Medicaid***

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All states have federally assisted medical assistance (Medicaid) programs.

### ***Eligibility***

States may grant Medicaid eligibility to all SSI recipients or apply state guidelines in determining eligibility.

Either the SSI program guidelines or the state guidelines may be used to determine eligibility. State guidelines may not be more restrictive than the state's January 1972 medical assistance standards. The governmental unit responsible for determining eligibility is indicated.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

The presence or absence of a medically needy program for SSI-related populations is indicated. Statute permits states to choose either no medically needy program, a restricted program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or a program for the TANF-related and one or more of the SSI-related categories (that is, aged, blind, or disabled). States determine eligibility for this program.

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

Under Medicaid statute, a state must pay unpaid medical expenses incurred for services covered under its Medicaid state plan for up to 3 months before an individual is found eligible for SSI, if the individual would have been eligible had he or she applied then. The entry indicates whether SSA has a contractual agreement with the state to inquire about the unpaid medical expenses of SSI claimants.

## Summary Tables

**Summary Table 1.**

**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, by state and eligibility category, January 2006**

State	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
Alabama <sup>a</sup>	368	133	5	230	b
Alaska <sup>a</sup>	15,380	5,003	76	10,301	c
Arizona <sup>d</sup>	472	--	--	--	c
Arkansas <sup>e</sup>	...	...	...	...	...
California	1,183,824	348,857	18,639	680,337	135,991
Colorado <sup>d</sup>	25,175	23,603	--	--	--
Connecticut	15,965	4,782	93	11,090	f
Delaware	726	48	12	608	58
District of Columbia	1,589	153	11	1,318	107
Florida <sup>a</sup>	14,067	5,943	5	8,119	b
Georgia <sup>e</sup>	...	...	...	...	...
Hawaii	2,393	681	26	1,622	64
Idaho	12,723	2,204	35	9,389	1,095
Illinois	28,946	6,386	99	22,461	b
Indiana <sup>a</sup>	3,513	1,006	19	2,488	c
Iowa	5,741	912	531	4,092	206
Kansas <sup>e</sup>	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky <sup>a</sup>	4,389	1,554	22	2,813	b
Louisiana	4,458	1,295	48	3,115	b
Maine <sup>d</sup>	34,200	--	--	--	--
Maryland <sup>d</sup>	2,989	--	--	--	c
Massachusetts	167,998	44,239	3,075	96,088	24,596
Michigan	220,775	--	--	--	--
Minnesota	28,466	6,241	136	22,089	b
Mississippi <sup>e</sup>	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	7,662	4,337	1	3,324	c
Montana	925	20	11	637	257
Nebraska	2,941	680	21	2,240	b
Nevada <sup>g</sup>	8,959	8,213	636	...	...
New Hampshire	7,476	1,331	246	5,899	b
New Jersey	148,581	32,752	850	86,061	28,918
New Mexico	505	56	4	445	c
New York	637,704	134,602	3,056	400,187	99,859
North Carolina	23,823	12,048	99	11,676	c
North Dakota <sup>e</sup>	...	...	...	...	...
Ohio <sup>d</sup>	1,837	--	--	--	c
Oklahoma	78,040	18,568	454	47,489	11,529
Oregon	23,539	3,184	477	19,878	f
Pennsylvania	332,132	47,657	579	213,212	70,684
Rhode Island	29,727	3,864	175	20,182	5,506
South Carolina	2,729	1,158	9	1,562	b
South Dakota <sup>d</sup>	3,639	--	--	--	b
Tennessee <sup>e</sup>	...	...	...	...	...
Texas	13,102	3,371	179	9,552	b
Utah	1,732	399	15	1,099	219

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**Summary Table 1.**  
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State	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
Vermont	12,815	1,113	73	9,341	2,288
Virginia <sup>d</sup>	6,275	--	--	--	c
Washington <sup>h</sup>	30,039	24,931	770	4,269	b
West Virginia <sup>e</sup>	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin	97,474	9,529	995	63,901	23,049
Wyoming <sup>d</sup>	2,763	--	--	--	b

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data; information in the state summaries.

NOTE: -- = not available; . . . = not applicable.

- a. Includes certain grandfathered non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria.
- b. A separate count for children is not available.
- c. Children under 18 years old are not eligible for optional payment.
- d. Data not available by eligibility category.
- e. The state does not have an optional supplementation program.
- f. Only blind children are eligible; a separate count is not available.
- g. Includes 110 persons not distributed by eligibility category. Disabled persons are not eligible.
- h. Includes 69 persons converted from the former state program.

**Summary Table 2.****Selected features of state supplementation, by state, January 2006**

State	Administration of—		Method of passalong	Participation in interim assistance reimbursement program
	Mandatory minimum supplementation	Optional state supplementation		
Alabama	No recipients	State	Payment levels	No
Alaska	No recipients	State	Total expenditures	Yes
Arizona	State	State	Payment levels	Yes
Arkansas	Federal	No program	No program	No
California	Federal	Federal	Payment levels	Yes
Colorado	State	State	Total expenditures	Yes
Connecticut	No recipients	State	Payment levels	Yes
Delaware	Federal	Federal/state	Payment levels	Yes
District of Columbia	Federal	Federal/state	Total expenditures	Yes
Florida	No recipients	State	Payment levels	Yes
Georgia	Federal	No program	No program	Yes
Hawaii	No recipients	Federal	Total expenditures	Yes
Idaho	State	State	Payment levels	No
Illinois	State	State	Payment levels	Yes
Indiana	No recipients	State	Payment levels	Yes
Iowa	Federal	Federal/state	Payment levels	Yes
Kansas	Federal	No program	No program	Yes
Kentucky	No recipients	State	Payment levels	Yes
Louisiana	Federal	State	Payment levels	No
Maine	State	State	Payment levels	Yes
Maryland	Federal	State	Payment levels	Yes
Massachusetts	Federal	Federal	Payment levels	Yes
Michigan	Federal	Federal/state	Payment levels	Yes
Minnesota	No recipients	State	Payment levels	Yes
Mississippi	Federal	No program	No program	No
Missouri	State	State	Payment levels	Yes
Montana	Federal	Federal	Payment levels	Yes
Nebraska	State	State	Total expenditures	Yes
Nevada	No recipients	Federal	Payment levels	Yes
New Hampshire	State	State	Payment levels	Yes
New Jersey	Federal	Federal	Payment levels	Yes
New Mexico	State	State	Payment levels	Yes
New York	Federal	Federal/state	Payment levels	Yes
North Carolina	State	State	Payment levels	Yes
North Dakota	No recipients	No program	No program	No
Ohio	Federal	State	Payment levels	Yes
Oklahoma	State	State	Total expenditures	No
Oregon	State	State	Total expenditures	Yes
Pennsylvania	Federal	Federal/state	Payment levels	Yes
Rhode Island	No recipients	Federal	Payment levels	Yes
South Carolina	No recipients	State	Payment levels	No
South Dakota	Federal	State	Payment levels	No
Tennessee	Federal	No program	No program	Yes
Texas	No recipients	State	Payment levels	No
Utah	No recipients	Federal	Payment levels	Yes
Vermont	No recipients	Federal	Payment levels	Yes
Virginia	No recipients	State	Payment levels	Yes
Washington	State	State	Total expenditures	Yes
West Virginia	No program	No program	No program	No
Wisconsin	No recipients	State	Total expenditures	Yes
Wyoming	State	State	Payment levels	No

SOURCE: Based on information in the state summaries.

**Summary Table 3.****Selected features of medical programs affecting SSI recipients and the needy, by state, January 2006**

State	Medicaid eligibility		Medically needy program	SSA obtains information on unpaid medical expenses
	Criteria	Determined by—		
Alabama	Federal	Federal	No	No
Alaska	Federal	State	No	No
Arizona	Federal	Federal	Yes	No
Arkansas	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
California	Federal	Federal	Yes	No
Colorado	Federal	Federal	No	Yes
Connecticut	State	State	Yes	No
Delaware	Federal	Federal	No	Yes
District of Columbia	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Florida	Federal	Federal	Yes	No
Georgia	Federal	Federal	Yes	No
Hawaii	State	State	Yes	No
Idaho	Federal	State	No	No
Illinois	State	State	Yes	No
Indiana	State	State	No	No
Iowa	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Kansas	Federal	State	Yes	No
Kentucky	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Maine	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Maryland	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Michigan	Federal	Federal	Yes	No
Minnesota	State	County	Yes	No
Mississippi	Federal	Federal	No	No
Missouri	State	State	No	No
Montana	Federal	Federal	Yes	No
Nebraska	Federal	State	Yes	No
Nevada	Federal	State	No	No
New Hampshire	State	State	Yes	No
New Jersey	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
New Mexico	Federal	Federal	No	No
New York	Federal	Federal	Yes	No
North Carolina	Federal	Federal	Yes	No
North Dakota	State	State	Yes	No
Ohio	State	State	No	No
Oklahoma	State	State	Yes	No
Oregon	Federal	State	No	No
Pennsylvania	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	Federal	Federal	No	No
South Dakota	Federal	Federal	No	Yes
Tennessee	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Texas	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Utah	Federal	State	Yes	No
Vermont	Federal	Federal	Yes	No
Virginia	State	State	Yes	No
Washington	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
West Virginia	Federal	Federal	Yes	Yes
Wisconsin	Federal	Federal	Yes	No
Wyoming	Federal	Federal	No	Yes

SOURCE: Based on information in the state summaries.

**Summary Table 4.****State threshold amounts for disabled and blind individuals to maintain Medicaid eligibility under section 1619(b) of the Social Security Act, calendar year 2006**

State	Twice state supplementation <sup>a</sup> (dollars)	Base amount <sup>b</sup> (dollars)	State per capita Medicaid expenditure (dollars)	Threshold <sup>c</sup>	
				Amount (dollars)	Rank
<i>Disabled individuals</i>					
Alabama	0	15,492	6,558	22,050	51
Alaska	8,688	25,180	24,337	49,517	1
Arizona	0	15,492	10,313	25,805	37
Arkansas	0	15,492	8,834	24,326	44
California	5,016	20,508	11,991	32,499	12
Colorado	600	16,092	14,305	30,397	19
Connecticut	4,032	19,524	27,696	47,220	2
Delaware	0	15,492	16,007	31,499	15
District of Columbia	0	15,492	18,741	34,233	7
Florida	0	15,492	10,623	26,115	39
Georgia	0	15,492	8,704	24,196	45
Hawaii	0	15,492	10,994	26,486	31
Idaho	768	16,260	17,507	33,767	8
Illinois	0	15,492	14,243	29,735	23
Indiana	0	15,492	15,241	30,733	16
Iowa	0	15,492	10,284	25,776	38
Kansas	0	15,492	13,375	28,867	25
Kentucky	0	15,492	8,164	23,656	47
Louisiana	0	15,492	9,590	25,082	41
Maine	240	15,732	22,111	37,843	6
Maryland	0	15,492	17,772	33,264	9
Massachusetts	2,745	18,237	14,562	32,799	11
Michigan	336	15,828	9,413	25,241	40
Minnesota	1,944	17,436	25,423	42,859	3
Mississippi	0	15,492	7,321	22,813	49
Missouri	0	15,492	12,349	27,841	28
Montana	0	15,492	10,485	25,977	36
Nebraska	0	15,492	14,295	29,787	22
Nevada	0	15,492	12,509	28,001	26
New Hampshire	648	16,140	22,613	38,753	5
New Jersey	750	16,242	13,663	29,905	21
New Mexico	0	15,492	14,923	30,415	18
New York	2,088	17,580	22,882	40,462	4
North Carolina	0	15,492	12,416	27,908	27
North Dakota	0	15,492	16,473	31,965	13
Ohio	0	15,492	14,946	30,438	17
Oklahoma	1,152	16,644	5,755	22,399	50
Oregon	41	15,533	12,029	27,562	30
Pennsylvania	658	16,150	10,301	26,451	32
Rhode Island	1,376	16,868	16,353	33,221	10
South Carolina	0	15,492	10,119	25,611	39
South Dakota	360	15,852	13,355	29,207	24
Tennessee	0	15,492	7,133	22,625	48
Texas	0	15,492	11,598	27,090	29
Utah	0	15,492	10,586	26,078	35

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**Summary Table 4.  
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State	Twice state supplementation <sup>a</sup>	Base amount <sup>b</sup>	State per capita Medicaid expenditure	Threshold <sup>c</sup>	
				Amount	Rank
<b><i>Disabled individuals (cont.)</i></b>					
Vermont	1,249	16,741	14,913	31,654	14
Virginia	0	15,492	10,864	26,356	33
Washington	1,104	16,596	7,363	23,959	46
West Virginia	0	15,492	8,907	24,399	43
Wisconsin	2,011	17,503	12,456	29,959	20
Wyoming	250	15,742	8,900	24,642	42
<b><i>Blind individuals</i></b>					
California	6,576	22,068	11,967	34,035	1
Iowa	528	16,020	10,284	26,304	5
Massachusetts	3,594	19,086	14,562	33,648	2
Nevada	2,623	18,115	12,509	30,624	3
Oregon	641	16,133	12,029	28,162	4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Program Operations Manual System (POMS), SI 02302.200, Chartered Threshold Amounts.

- a. Twice the annual state supplementation rate, if any, for an individual living independently.
- b. The base amount is the annual amount of earned income it takes to reduce the annual SSI federal plus state benefit to zero. It is calculated as the sum of twice the state individual supplementation rate plus \$15,492; \$15,492 is the amount of earned income it takes in calendar year 2006 to reduce the annual federal benefit to zero, based on the monthly calculation (\$85 plus twice the monthly federal benefit rate of \$603) multiplied by 12.
- c. The threshold is the sum of the base amount and the state per capita Medicaid expenditure.

## State Summaries

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## Alabama

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

No recipients.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** County Departments of Human Resources.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Code of Alabama 1975 as amended, title 38.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** County Departments of Human Resources.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to SSI recipients (including children) and to certain grandfathered aged, blind, and disabled persons who would receive SSI payments except for their income level and are residing in the specified living arrangements.

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

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

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse; parent or stepparent for minor child.

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

**Payment calculation method:** Countable income is deducted from the federal payment, and the full state supplement is added to the remaining payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***Medicaid***

#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Receiving IHC in a private home or a personal care home				
Level of independence A	663.00	1,024.00	60.00	120.00
Level of independence B	659.00	1,016.00	56.00	112.00
Receiving IHC and support and maintenance in a private home or personal care home				
Level of independence A	462.00	722.67	60.00	120.00
Level of independence B	458.00	714.67	56.00	112.00
Receiving specialized IHC in a private home or personal care home	663.00	1,024.00	60.00	120.00
Receiving specialized IHC and support and maintenance in a private home or personal care home	462.00	722.67	60.00	120.00
Foster home with IHC or specialized IHC	713.00	1,124.00	110.00	220.00
Cerebral palsy treatment center (disabled)	799.00	1,296.00	196.00	392.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: A licensed physician must recommend independent home-life care (IHC) or specialized IHC, and someone must actually provide and receive payment for the care. The care provider cannot be an immediate relative and must be employed by a certified home health agency.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Personal care home.** A domiciliary facility that provides care for four or more unrelated persons and is licensed by the Alabama Department of Health.

**Foster home.** A domiciliary facility licensed or approved by the Alabama Department of Human Resources in accordance with state foster home provisions.

**Cerebral palsy treatment center (disabled).** A domiciliary care facility for the treatment of cerebral palsy that is licensed by the Alabama Department of Health.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	368	133	5	230
Receiving IHC in a private home or a personal care home	--	--	--	--
Receiving IHC and support and maintenance in a private home or personal care home	--	--	--	--
Receiving specialized IHC in a private home or personal care home	--	--	--	--
Receiving specialized IHC and support and maintenance in a private home or personal care home	--	--	--	--
Foster home with IHC or specialized IHC	--	--	--	--
Cerebral palsy treatment center (disabled)	--	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTES: Includes certain grandfathered, non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria.

IHC = independent home-life care; -- = not available.

## Alaska

### State Supplementation

#### **Mandatory State Supplementation**

No recipients.

#### **Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Alaska Statutes 47.25.430-47.25.615.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all needy aged, blind, and disabled persons, including certain grandfathered persons who would receive SSI payments except for their income level but excluding persons in the Alaska Pioneer Homes, in any nonmedical public institution, or in public or private institutions for mental disorders. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

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

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply; in-kind income is also excluded.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Child for aged parent.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation. For non-SSI recipients, any countable income is subtracted from the state standard.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### Medicaid

#### **Eligibility**

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

**Determined by:** State.

#### **Medically Needy Program**

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

#### **Unpaid Medical Expenses**

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	965.00	1,432.00	362.00	528.00
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	1,124.00	...	521.00	...
Living in the household of another	770.00	1,145.67	368.00	543.00
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	866.00	...	464.00	...
Assisted living home	703.00	1,104.00	100.00	200.00
Assisted living home with an ineligible spouse	703.00	...	100.00	...
Medicaid facility	75.00	150.00	45.00	90.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live alone in their own household, whether or not receiving in-kind support and maintenance;
- Live alone or with a minor child, spouse, or anyone whose income is deemed available to them;
- Live in a household in which all members receive federal or state public assistance;
- Live in the household of another and pay at least a prorated share of the household expenses; or
- Live in the household of another where the eligible person or deemor has an ownership interest in the home or is liable to the landlord for any part of the rent.

**Living in the household of another.** Includes eligible persons who reside in another's household for a full calendar month, except for temporary absences, and receive both food and shelter from that person.

**Assisted living home.** Includes eligible persons who reside in an assisted living home for a full calendar month.

**Medicaid facility.** Includes recipients who reside for a full calendar month in a skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility that is certified and licensed by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services to provide long-term care.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	15,380	5,003	76	10,301
Living independently	13,881	4,589	71	9,221
Living in the household of another	538	140	1	397
Assisted living home	888	244	4	640
Medicaid facility	73	30	0	43

SOURCE: State information.

## Arizona

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** Arizona Department of Economic Security; Aging Adult Administration and Family Assistance Administration.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Arizona Department of Economic Security; Aging Adult Administration and Family Assistance Administration.

**Effective date:** May 9, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Arizona Revised Statutes 46:252.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Area Agencies on Aging, Catholic Social Services, other designated contracting agencies, and local offices of state Department of

Economic Security. County Health Department Long-Term Care Unit and city Human Resources Departments arrange home interviews (if needed) or refer to appropriate agencies.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients who require assistance with housekeeping. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**

**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Requires housekeeping services <sup>a</sup>	673.00	974.00	70.00	70.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

a. Services may be provided in lieu of cash grants. Services and cash benefits are the same for individuals and couples.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**Requires housekeeping services.** A determination that the person is functionally impaired in sufficient degree as to require help with housekeeping, laundry, essential shopping, errands, and meal preparation.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	472	--	--	--
Requires housekeeping services	--	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

## ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

### ***Administration***

Arizona Department of Economic Security.

### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

**Visiting nurse services:** Up to \$160 in vendor payments per month for any aged SSI recipient who is 65 years or older when medical findings substantiate need.

**Home health services:** Up to \$160 in vendor payments per month for any aged SSI recipient who is 65 years or older when medical findings substantiate need.

### ***Medicaid***

Medical assistance is provided through a Title XIX authorized demonstration program—the Arizona Health

Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)—which is more limited in scope than Medicaid.

### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

Arizona Department of Health Services provides funds for the medically needy.

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

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**Arkansas**

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***State Supplementation***

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***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

***Optional State Supplementation***

State does not provide optional supplementation.

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

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***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

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***Medicaid***

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***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.

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## California

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Welfare and Institutions Code, section 12000ff.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to every aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipient, including children.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after

the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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#### ***Administration***

Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Social Services.

#### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

**Maintenance for guide dog:** Eligible recipients with guide, signal, or other service dogs receive \$50 per month in state aid to pay for dog food and other costs associated with the dog's maintenance.

**In-home supportive services:** Supportive services (i.e., certain domestic and personal care services) are provided to eligible aged, blind, and disabled persons who cannot perform the services themselves and who cannot safely remain in their own home unless such services are provided.

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***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 does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently with cooking facilities	A				
Aged and disabled		812.00	1,437.00	209.00	533.00
Blind		877.00	<sup>a</sup> 1,664.00	274.00	760.00
Nonmedical out-of-home care	B	1,015.00	2,030.00	412.00	1,126.00
Living independently without cooking facilities	C				
Aged and disabled		896.00	1,605.00	293.00	701.00
Living in the household of another	D				
Aged and disabled		620.00	1,175.00	218.00	572.33
Blind		701.00	<sup>b</sup> 1,402.00	299.00	799.33
Disabled minor in home of parent or relative by blood or marriage	E	698.00	...	95.00	...
Nonmedical out-of-home care, living in the household of another	F	809.00	1,648.33	407.00	1,045.66
Disabled minor in the household of another	G	494.00	...	92.00	...
Medicaid facility	J	50.00	100.00	20.00	40.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTES: Blind individuals aged 65 or older are entitled to the highest payment category for which they qualify.

... = not applicable.

a. Payment level for a couple in which only one member is blind is \$1,579.

b. Payment level for a couple in which only one member is blind is \$1,316.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**A: Living independently with cooking facilities.** Includes recipients who:

- Live in their own household and have cooking and food storage facilities or are provided with meals as part of the living arrangement,
- Are patients in private medical facilities licensed by the state but not certified under Title XIX,
- Are blind children under age 18 who live with parents, or
- Are blind and live independently with or without cooking and food storage facilities.

**B: Nonmedical out-of-home care (NMOHC).** Includes adult recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement and who receive care and supervision while residing either in the home of a relative, legal guardian, or conservator or in a state-licensed NMOHC facility.

Includes children who are:

- Blind and residing in a state-licensed NMOHC facility,
- Blind and residing in the home of a relative who is not his or her parent or legal guardian or conservator,
- Disabled and residing in a state-licensed NMOHC facility,
- Disabled and residing in the home of a legal guardian or conservator who is not his or her relative,
- Disabled and residing in the home of a relative who is not his or her parent, or
- Blind or disabled and residing in a "certified family home."

**C: Living independently without cooking facilities (aged and disabled).** Includes aged or disabled recipients or couples who are not provided with meals and do not have access to adequate cooking and food storage facilities as part of their living arrangement.

**D: Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement who do not qualify for any other state arrangement.

**E: Disabled minor in home of parent or relative by blood or marriage.** Includes disabled children under age 18 who reside with a parent.

**F: Nonmedical out-of-home care, living in the household of another.** Includes recipients who meet the state criteria for nonmedical out-of-home care payments and are in a federal Code B living arrangement.

**G: Disabled minor in the household of another.** Includes disabled children under age 18 who reside with a parent but are in a federal Code B living arrangement.

**J: Medicaid facility.** Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code D living arrangement.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		1,183,824	348,857	18,639	680,337	135,991
Living independently with cooking facilities	A	906,252	295,456	16,804	562,103	31,889
Nonmedical out-of-home care	B	56,975	5,460	537	44,461	6,517
Living independently without cooking facilities	C	37,617	3,635	0	33,567	415
Living in the household of another	D	74,176	39,874	1,070	29,921	3,311
Disabled minor in home of parent or relative by blood or marriage	E	88,786	...	...	...	88,786
Nonmedical out-of-home care, living in the household of another	F	1,764	408	32	1,172	152
Disabled minor in the household of another	G	2,775	...	...	...	2,775
Medicaid facility	J	15,479	4,024	196	9,113	2,146

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

## Colorado

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Colorado Revised Statutes 26-2, section 202-209, 1973, as amended.

#### Funding

**Administration:** 80 percent state funds, 20 percent local funds.

**Assistance:** 100 percent state funds for the aged; 80 percent state funds, 20 percent local funds for the blind and disabled.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** County offices of the state Department of Human Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements. Persons living in the household of another are included under the living independently standard; state supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment. At age 65, a disabled recipient may elect to transfer to the aged category or remain in the disabled category.

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

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

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**

**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently or in the household of another <sup>a</sup>	628.00	1,256.00	25.00	352.00
Adult foster care	873.69	<sup>b</sup> 1,747.38	270.69	<sup>b</sup> 843.38
Receiving home care <sup>c</sup>	1,067.15	...	464.15	...

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- State supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment for persons living in the home of another.
- Couples are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.
- Represents maximum allowance. Lesser amounts may be paid according to the amount of home care needed.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**Living independently or in the household of another.** Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code A or B living arrangement, meet the state eligibility requirements, and do not qualify for other state arrangements.

**Adult foster care.** Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement and are residing in an approved supervised living facility known as an adult foster home.

**Receiving home care.** Includes recipients who receive care in their own home from qualified personnel and who would otherwise be in a nursing home if this care were unavailable.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	<sup>a</sup> 25,175	23,603	--	--	--
Living independently or in the household of another	12,603	--	--	--	--
Adult foster care	20	--	--	--	--
Receiving home care	12,552	--	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

a. Includes 1,572 recipients not distributed by eligibility category, some of whom are blind children.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

#### ***Administration***

Colorado Department of Social Services.

#### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

**Funeral expenses:** If cost of funeral home or cemetery does not exceed \$2,500, the benefit maximum is \$1,500. If cost exceeds \$2,500, no assistance is provided.

**Other:** County social services boards may choose to provide optional supplementation for other special needs circumstances.

### ***Medicaid***

#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

## Connecticut

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Social Services.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Connecticut General Statutes, section 17b-600.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Regional offices of state agency.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled SSI or Title II recipients living alone or with others. No provision is made for essential persons. The only children eligible for supplementation are those who are blind. Blind and disabled recipients are reclassified as aged upon reaching age 65.

**Resource limitations:** No limit on real property occupied as a home. Equity in real property other than a home must be liquidated. Value of personal property (excluding household and personal effects, car if needed, and tools and equipment or livestock essential to production of income) is limited to \$1,600 for an individual and \$2,400 for a couple. In addition, up to \$1,200 for burial contract is reduced by the value of irrevocable burial arrangements and the face value of life insurance policies of \$1,500 or less.

#### Income exclusions

*Unearned income:* For recipients residing in the community, state disregards \$207.00 of any unearned income including SSI; for recipients residing in boarding homes, \$114.70 is disregarded. The disregard is \$274.90 for recipients residing with unrelated persons in the community.

*Earned income:* The first \$65 and one-half of the remainder for aged and disabled; the first \$85 and one-half of the remainder for the blind. Work-related

expenses for the blind, including personal expenses such as Social Security tax, life and health insurance, lunch, and transportation, are excluded. Additional deductions are allowed for the blind and disabled related to plans for self-support. Those who are disabled are also allowed deductions for impairment-related work expenses.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** Liens secure claims against real property. State has a preferred mandatory claim against an estate to the extent that it is not needed for the support of the surviving spouse, parent, or dependent children of the decedent. Liens may be released upon payment of claim or amount equal to beneficiary's interest. If applicant or recipient owns other nonhome property, he or she must be making a bona fide effort to sell it. During that time, he or she gives the state a security mortgage.

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Assistance for Special Needs

#### Administration

State Department of Social Services.

#### Special Needs Circumstances

##### Recurring

*Emergency housing:* One occurrence per calendar year; no more than 60 days per occurrence.

*Refuse collection:* Standard community rate.

*Therapeutic diet:* \$36.20 a month.

*Meals on Wheels:* \$4.43 for one meal a day; \$8.09 for two meals a day.

*Restaurant meals:* \$36.20 a month for an individual living in the community; \$7.80 per day for an individual living in emergency housing.

##### Nonrecurring

*Security deposit for heating service:* Actual cost up to a limit of \$200 for equipment only.

*Storage charges:* Up to 3 months.

## Connecticut

*Moving expenses:* Market charge.

*Essential household furnishings:* Lower of actual cost or department standard for particular item.

*Telephone installation:* Standard residential line charge for service connections plus \$23 for labor and \$4 maximum for phone jack.

*Essential clothing:* Department standard for particular item.

**Determined by:** State.

### **Medically Needy Program**

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

### **Unpaid Medical Expenses**

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

## **Medicaid**

### **Eligibility**

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Independent community living <sup>a</sup>	771.00	1,144.00	168.00	240.00
Licensed room and board facility	603.00	904.00	b	b
Medicaid facility <sup>c</sup>	59.00	118.00	29.00	58.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

- The budget process is used to establish payment amounts. This supplement consists of a housing allowance (maximum of \$400 for living alone; \$200 for living with others), basic needs items, minus countable income (see "Income exclusions"). The amount presented assumes eligibility for the highest rental allowance and the maximum budget amount.
- Committee sets state payments for recipients in boarding homes in accordance with individual cost data for the operations of the facility.
- Recipients residing in a Medicaid facility receive a supplement that varies depending on the facility.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Independent community living.** Any type of living arrangement that is not a licensed room and board facility or a medical or penal institution.

**Licensed room and board facility.** Community group home, training home, family care home, private boarding home, or other residential facility that is licensed by the Connecticut Department of Mental Retardation, Department of Children and Families, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Department of Public Health Services, or other state agency and that at a minimum provides lodging and meals to various groups of elderly, blind, or disabled individuals.

**Medicaid facility.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code D living arrangement, general hospitals, long-term care facilities, intermediate care facilities, institutions for the mentally retarded and mental disease facilities for residents younger than age 21 or aged 65 or older, and tuberculosis facilities for persons aged 65 or older.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind <sup>a</sup>	Disabled
All recipients	15,965	4,782	93	11,090
Independent community living	11,173	3,493	38	7,642
Licensed room and board facility	4,792	1,289	55	3,448
Medicaid facility	--	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTES: Includes certain grandfathered, non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria.

-- = not available.

- Includes blind children.

## Delaware

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration administers payments to recipients living in an adult residential care facility; the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Social Services, administers payments to recipients living independently. Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Social Services, determines eligibility for special adult residential care supplement.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Delaware Code, title 31, section 505.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to aged, blind, and disabled adults who are SSI recipients, or would be except for income, and live in an approved adult residential care and assisted living facilities. Children under age 18 are not eligible for supplementation but may receive benefits and services under the child welfare program.

**Resource limitations:** None.

**Income exclusions:** None.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**

#### Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Certified adult residential care facility	A	743.00	1,352.00	140.00	448.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

DEFINITIONS:

**A: Certified adult residential care facility.** Includes recipients who are certified by the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services as residents of an adult residential care home.

**Table 2.**

#### Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children <sup>a</sup>
Certified adult residential care facility	A	726	48	12	608	58

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

a. Benefits received under child welfare program.

***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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***Administration***

Delaware Department of Health and Social Services,  
Division of Social Services.

***Special Needs Circumstances***

State provides cash assistance for specific emergencies on a one-time basis.

***Medicaid***

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***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

## District of Columbia

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration and District of Columbia Department of Health.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** District of Columbia Laws 2-35, as amended, and 3-23.

#### Funding

**Administration:** District of Columbia funds.

**Assistance:** District of Columbia funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** District of Columbia Department of Health and Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to persons residing in adult foster care homes who are eligible for SSI payments or would be eligible except for income. No statutory minimum age requirements for receiving adult foster care supplementation, but children receive assistance through child welfare services provisions.

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

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

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** Only in cases in which liens were assigned before the establishment of the SSI program.

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** District participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Adult foster care home (50 beds or less)	A	950.00	1,900.00	347.00	996.00
Adult foster care home (over 50 beds)	B	1,060.00	2,120.00	457.00	1,216.00
Medicaid facility	G	70.00	140.00	40.00	80.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**A and B: Adult foster care home.** Includes recipients who are certified by the District of Columbia Department of Health or the Commission on Mental Health Services as residents of an adult foster care home.

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children <sup>a</sup>
All recipients		1,589	153	11	1,318	107
Adult foster care home (50 beds or less)	A	752	74	1	664	13
Adult foster care home (over 50 beds)	B	11	2	1	6	2
Medicaid facility	G	826	77	9	648	92

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

a. Benefits received under the child welfare services program.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

District does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***Medicaid***

#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

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

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

## Florida

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Children and Families.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Florida Statutes, chapter 409.212.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Department of Children and Families.

**Scope of coverage:** Under the community care programs, an optional state supplement is provided to all

aged, blind, or disabled persons who either receive SSI payments or have been grandfathered because they meet all SSI criteria except for income. Income may not exceed \$681.40.

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

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

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** Amount of public assistance received after August 31, 1967, creates a debt against the estate of the aged, blind, or disabled recipient, and the state can file a claim after death. Homestead is exempt during the life of a spouse or dependent children if occupied as a homestead. Claims are filed against the estate of individuals who received Medicaid on or after their 55th birthday.

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The recipient's gross monthly countable income is subtracted from the sum of the standard provider rate and the personal needs allowance. The difference, up to \$78.40, is the state optional payment amount.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Community care programs				
Adult family care home <sup>a</sup>	681.40	b	78.40	b
Assisted living facility	681.40	b	78.40	b
Medicaid facility <sup>c</sup>	35.00	70.00	5.00	10.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

- Payments include \$54 personal needs allowance. Recipients who lose SSI eligibility because of Social Security (Title II) benefit increases may continue to be eligible for state supplementation if they reside in a specific living arrangement and have income below income limits.
- Couples are treated as two individuals the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.
- Community providers enrolled to provide assistive care services can receive an additional payment from Medicaid recipients residing in their facilities.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**Adult family care home.** Serves up to five persons aged 18 or older, providing housing, food, and personal services.

**Assisted living facility.** Serves four or more persons aged 18 or older, providing housing, food, and personal services.

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	14,067	5,943	5	8,119
Community care programs				
Adult family care home	378	112	0	266
Assisted living facility	8,610	3,502	2	5,106
Medicaid facility	5,079	2,329	3	2,747

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: Includes certain grandfathered, non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria.

***State Assistance for Special Needs***

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

***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 does not obtain this information.

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## Georgia

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

State does not provide optional supplementation.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

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### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

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## ***Medicaid***

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### ***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 does not obtain this information.

## Hawaii

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Hawaii Revised Statutes, section 346-53(C)(1) and (2).

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to SSI recipients, including children. Payment amounts for eligible children in domiciliary care are determined on an individual basis. Recipients in medical facilities who are eligible for federal payments under section 1611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act receive state optional supplementation (Code A payment level) for up to 2 months.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**

**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Foster care home	B	1,124.90	2,249.80	521.90	1,345.80
Domiciliary care facility, Level I	H	1,124.90	2,249.80	521.90	1,345.80
Domiciliary care facility, Level II	I	1,232.90	2,465.80	629.90	1,561.80

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**B: Foster care home.** Includes recipients who are certified by the state as residents of a foster care home.

**H and I: Domiciliary care facility.** Includes recipients (including children) living in a private, nonmedical facility (established and maintained for the purpose of providing personal care and services to aged, infirm, or handicapped persons) and certified by the state. Level I is licensed by the state for fewer than six residents, and Level II is licensed for six or more residents.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		2,393	681	26	1,622	64
Foster care home	B	696	395	5	293	3
Domiciliary care facility, Level I	H	1,626	250	20	1,295	61
Domiciliary care facility, Level II	I	71	36	1	34	0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

## ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

### ***Administration***

State Department of Human Services.

### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

**Housing and utility deposit:** One-time payment made to SSI recipients with total monthly income under \$418.

**Repair or replacement of stove or refrigerator:** Payments made to SSI recipients with total monthly income under \$418.

**Emergency assistance due to natural disaster:** Payments made to SSI recipients with total monthly income under \$418.

**Special care payments:** Payments of \$100 a month are provided to SSI recipients residing in a domiciliary care home who have been certified for an intermediate care facility (ICF) or skilled nursing facility but have not been placed in one because of a lack of bed space. In

addition to meeting other requirements, these recipients must be wheelchair bound, incontinent, or in need of non-oral medication.

## ***Medicaid***

### ***Eligibility***

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** State.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

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

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

## Idaho

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Welfare.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Welfare.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Idaho State Code 56-207, 56-208, 56-209a.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Department of Health and Welfare.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements. Persons living in the household of another are included under the living independently standard; state supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment.

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

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply; in-kind support and maintenance is also excluded.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse; parent or stepparent for minor child.

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

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently or in the household of another <sup>a</sup>	635.00	904.00	32.00	...
Living with an essential person	905.00	...	...	...
Room and board facility	780.00	b	177.00	b
Assisted living facility or certified family home				
Level I	922.00	b	319.00	b
Level II	989.00	b	386.00	b
Level III	1,056.00	b	453.00	b
Semi-independent group residential facility	780.00	b	177.00	b

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. State supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment for persons living in the household of another.

b. Couples are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently or in the household of another.** Includes recipients living in their own household (i.e., house, apartment, hotel, rooming house, or room and board facility) or in the household of another. Also includes blind or disabled children living with their parents and individuals paying room and board to a relative.

**Living with an essential person.** Includes recipients living in their own household or in the household of another with a person of their choice whose presence in the household is essential to the recipients' well-being and who renders specific services of a kind that would have to be provided for the recipients if they lived alone.

**Room and board facility.** A facility in which a person purchases food, shelter, and household maintenance requirements from one vendor. Such a facility is not required to be licensed as a shelter home.

**Assisted living facility or certified family home.** One or more buildings constitutes a facility or residence, however named, that is operated on either a profit or nonprofit basis for the purpose of providing 24-hour care for three or more adults who need personal care or assistance and supervision essential for sustaining activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual.

**Semi-independent group residential facility.** A facility having one or more living areas under a common management in which an opportunity to learn independent living skills is provided under individualized service plans to not less than three nor more than eight developmentally disabled or mentally ill persons not requiring direct supervision.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	12,723	2,204	35	9,389	1,095
Living independently or in the household of another, or living with an essential person	12,021	2,139	33	8,811	1,038
Room and board facility	662	58	2	545	57
Assisted living facility or certified family home	10	5	0	5	0
Semi-independent group residential facility	30	2	0	28	0

SOURCE: State information.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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#### ***Administration***

State Department of Health and Welfare.

#### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

**Restaurant meals:** Eating-out allowance of up to \$50 per month if physically unable to prepare meals.

**Maintenance for guide dog:** Allowance for care and maintenance of guide dog of up to \$17 per month.

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** State.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

## Illinois

### **State Supplementation**

#### **Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services.

#### **Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services.

**Effective date:** March 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Illinois Revised Statutes, chapter 305; ILCS, section 5/3-1 et seq.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** County offices of the state Department of Human Services, except in Cook County, where application is made at district offices of the Department of Human Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement is provided to all aged, blind, or disabled SSI recipients, including children, whose income maintenance needs, based on state standards, exceed their monthly SSI benefit plus other income. Individuals who have been denied SSI because of their level of income may be eligible for an optional state supplement if there is a deficit between all other income and the income

maintenance need based on state standards. Noncitizens living in the community who are eligible because the federal 7-year limit has expired are given a flat \$500 allowance. This program went into effect July 15, 2004.

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

#### **Income exclusions**

*All recipients:* First \$25 per month of any income, except income received from a spouse or other person.

*Aged and disabled:* \$20 plus one-half of next \$60 per month of earned income.

*Blind:* \$85 plus one-half of remainder of earned income per month.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** Estate claims are filed against real and personal property for all:

- Income maintenance paid after 1963;
- Medical assistance paid before October 1, 1993, and after January 1, 1966, for persons aged 65 or older; and
- Medical assistance paid after October 1, 1993, for persons aged 55 or older.

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse; parent or stepparent for minor child, except when child has married.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard, which is based on individual income maintenance needs. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	a	a	a	a
Room and board facility	a	a	a	a
Residential facility	a	a	a	a

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

a. State supplementation is based on state-approved allowances given for individual needs.

DEFINITIONS:

**Living independently.** Living in the community.

**Room and board facility.** Living in the community but paying for both lodging and meals. An allowance for room and board is given in lieu of separate allowances for food and shelter.

**Residential facility.** Living in a long-term care or sheltered care facility. For long-term care, a \$30 personal needs allowance is provided to a person who has no other income.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	28,946	6,386	99	22,461
Living independently	28,375	6,288	97	21,990
Room and board facility	41	6	0	35
Residential facility	530	92	2	436

SOURCE: State information.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

Illinois assists with funeral and burial costs of persons who were eligible for state-administered cash or medical assistance at the time of death.

### ***Medicaid***

#### ***Eligibility***

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** State.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

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

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

## Indiana

### **State Supplementation**

#### **Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

No recipients.

#### **Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Aging.

**Effective date:** July 1, 1976.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Indiana Public Law 46, Acts of 1976.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Family and Social Services Administration, county offices of the Division of Family Resources.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all adult Medicaid or SSI recipients who, because of age, blindness, or disability, are unable to reside in their own home and need care in a residential facility. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

**Resource limitations:** An individual may have a reserve of nonexempt real and personal property (including cash, stocks, bonds, cash surrender value of life insurance, etc.) of no more than \$1,500; a couple may have no more than \$2,250. If spouse resides in the same facility, the resources of both, subject to the \$2,250 limit, are considered in establishing eligibility. Ownership of personal property essential for an adequate living arrangement, production of produce for home consumption, and personal effects do not affect an individual's eligibility. Cash surrender value of life insurance is disregarded if the face value does not

exceed \$10,000 and the beneficiary is the funeral director or the person's estate. The \$10,000 limitation is reduced by any amount in an irrevocable burial trust or irrevocable prepaid funeral arrangement. Real property offered for sale or rent is exempt.

**Income exclusions:** Disregarded from sheltered workshop earnings are a \$16 employment incentive, mandatory earnings deductions, and one-half of the remaining earnings.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse when residing in the same facility.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### **State Assistance for Special Needs**

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### **Medicaid**

#### **Eligibility**

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** State.

#### **Medically Needy Program**

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

#### **Unpaid Medical Expenses**

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Licensed residential facility <sup>a</sup>	1,196.90	b	593.90	b
Medicaid facility	52.00	104.00	22.00	44.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

- a. Individuals living in licensed residential facilities receive a combined federal and state benefit of up to \$1,196.90 (state-supplemented portion is up to \$593.90)—including a personal allowance payment of up to \$52 per month. Lesser amounts may be paid depending on the cost of facility and income of recipients.
- b. Federal and state agencies consider couples residing in these living arrangements as individuals one month after leaving an independent living arrangement.

DEFINITIONS:

**Licensed residential facility.** Care in a licensed residential facility consists only of room, board, and laundry together with minimal administrative direction. The facility must be licensed by the state Department of Health and approved for participation in the Room and Board Assistance program by the state Family and Social Services Administration. A residential facility can be publicly or privately owned and for profit or not for profit.

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	3,513	1,006	19	2,488
Licensed residential facility	1,252	398	1	853
Medicaid facility	2,261	608	18	1,635

SOURCE: State information.

# Iowa

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services administers supplemental payments for persons receiving residential or in-home health-related care, persons who are eligible for the supplement for Medicare, and persons who are Medicaid eligible. Social Security Administration administers all other supplemental payments.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974 (blind); May 1, 1974 (aged and disabled); October 1, 2003 (eligible for supplement for Medicare and are Medicaid eligible).

**Statutory basis for payment:** Code of Iowa, chapter 249.

### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices for federally administered payments; local offices of state Department of Human Services for state-administered payments.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled persons residing in the specified living arrangements. Supplementation is not provided to residents of emergency shelters or medical facilities. Blind children are eligible for optional supplementation if living in their own

household or with a dependent relative; disabled children are eligible for optional supplementation if living with a dependent relative.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

## State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

## 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 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently (blind)	A	625.00	<sup>a</sup> 948.00	22.00	<sup>a</sup> 44.00
Living in the household of another (blind)	B	424.00	<sup>a</sup> 646.47	22.00	<sup>a</sup> 44.00
Living with a dependent person	C				
Aged and disabled		909.00	1,210.00	306.00	306.00
Blind		931.00	1,254.00	<sup>b</sup> 328.00	<sup>b</sup> 350.00
Family life or boarding home	D	745.00	1,510.00	142.00	606.00
Living with a dependent person in the household of another	H				
Aged and disabled		708.00	908.67	306.00	306.00
Blind		730.00	952.67	328.00	350.00
Family life or boarding home (one-third reduction in federal benefit rate applies)	I	544.00	1,208.67	142.00	606.00
Residential care	...	893.35	...	<sup>b</sup> 290.35	...
In-home health care	...	1,083.55	<sup>c</sup> 1,865.10	<sup>d</sup> 480.55	<sup>c</sup> 961.10

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- Payment level when both members of a couple are blind; when only one member is blind, payment is reduced by \$22.00.
- Amount based on allowable costs of residential care (\$17.86 to \$25.85 per day), plus a personal needs allowance of \$92.00 per month, minus the federal SSI payment. State administers payments.
- Payment is based on both members of a couple needing in-home health-related care. When one member needs care, payment is reduced by \$480.55. State administers payments.
- Payment is based on actual cost of in-home health-related care up to a maximum of \$480.55, plus basic federal benefit. State administers payments.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**A: Living independently (blind).** Includes all blind recipients who are not included under another arrangement, do not have an essential person, and are not otherwise ineligible for supplementation.

**B: Living in the household of another (blind).** Includes all blind recipients who are residing in a federal Code B living arrangement, are not included under another state arrangement, do not have an essential person, and are not otherwise ineligible for supplementation.

**C and H: Living with a dependent person.** Includes a recipient residing in a federal Code A, B, or C living arrangement. The recipient has an ineligible spouse, parent, child, or adult child living in the home who is financially dependent on him or her as defined by the Iowa Department of Human Services.

**D and I: Family life or boarding home.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code A living arrangement who reside in a family life home or boarding home licensed by the Iowa Department of Health or certified by the Iowa Department of Human Services.

**Residential care.** Includes recipients who require custodial care (but not nursing care) on a 24-hour basis. The purpose of these facilities is to provide care for recipients who because of age, blindness, or disability are unable to adequately care for themselves in an independent living arrangement. Recipients must have the written recommendation of a physician to be admitted to these facilities.

**In-home health care.** Includes recipients who require personal services, nursing care, or both in their own home. The primary purpose of the program is to enable recipients to remain in their own home for as long as possible. Care must be recommended in writing by a physician and must be provided under the supervision of a registered nurse.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		5,741	912	531	4,092	206
Living independently (blind)	A	618	...	500	0	118
Living in the household of another (blind)	B	9	...	8	0	1
Living with a dependent person	C	1,132	91	22	932	87
Family life or boarding home	D and I	5	0	0	5	0
Living with a dependent person in the household of another	H	4	2	0	2	0
Residential care	--	2,161	444	0	1,717	0
In-home health care	--	1,781	370	0	1,411	0
Other <sup>a</sup>	--	31	5	1	25	0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

NOTE: ... = not applicable; -- = not available.

a. Not distributed by living arrangement.

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## Kansas

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

State does not provide optional supplementation.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

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### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** State.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

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

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

# Kentucky

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Kentucky Revised Statutes 205.245 and budget approval by state legislature.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to every aged, blind, and disabled person who needs care in a personal care facility other than a Medicaid facility or in a family care home licensed under the health licensure act or needs the services of a caretaker in the home and who has insufficient income to obtain this care. Children are eligible for the optional supplement of caretaker services in the home. The minimum age requirement is 16 for a personal care home and 18 for a family care home.

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

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

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse; parent or stepparent for minor child in the month of admission only.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**

**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Personal care facility	1,123.00	a	520.00	a
Family care home	775.00	a	172.00	a
Caretaker in home	665.00	1,019.00	62.00	115.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

a. Couples are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**Personal care facility.** Includes recipients who are ambulatory or mobile nonambulatory and able to manage most of the activities of daily life. Facilities provide supervision, basic health and health-related services, personal care, and social or recreational activities.

**Family care home.** Includes recipients in residential accommodations limited to two or three persons who are not related to the licensee. Residents of these homes must be ambulatory or mobile nonambulatory and be able to manage most of the activities of daily life. They cannot have an illness, injury, or disability requiring constant medical care.

**Caretaker in home.** Includes recipients who are eligible to receive caretaker services in their homes. These services are provided at regular intervals to prevent institutionalization.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	4,389	1,554	22	2,813
Personal care facility	3,374	--	--	--
Family care home	164	--	--	--
Caretaker in home	851	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

State provides assistance for special needs.

### ***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.

## 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 calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**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 2006 (in dollars)**

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

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

DEFINITION:

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
Medicaid facility	4,458	1,295	48	3,115

SOURCE: State information.

## Maine

### State Supplementation

#### **Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Human Services.

**Effective date:** July 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Maine Revised Statutes, title 22, subtitle 3, part 1-A, chapter 855-A.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Department of Health and Human Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipients, including children. In addition, a small number of persons not eligible for SSI are eligible for a state supplement.

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

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply for all living arrangements. In addition, for those living alone, with others, or in the household of another, the state disregards an additional \$55 for individuals and \$80 for couples.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Assistance for Special Needs

#### **Administration**

State Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **Special Needs Circumstances**

**Licensed boarding home subsidies:** When costs of care exceed total of SSI and state supplementary payments, state will pay the difference up to established maximum rates.

### 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 state Department of Health and Human Services obtains this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living alone or with others	613.00	919.00	10.00	15.00
Living in the household of another	410.00	614.67	8.00	12.00
Foster home	652.00	1,177.00	49.00	273.00
Flat-rate boarding home	820.00	1,494.00	217.00	590.00
Cost-reimbursement boarding home	837.00	1,540.00	234.00	636.00
Medicaid facility	40.00	80.00	10.00	20.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

DEFINITIONS:

**Living alone or with others.** Includes the following types of recipients:

- Individual living in his or her own household with no other person except an ineligible spouse;
- Couples living in their own household;
- Persons in a medical facility where Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care;
- Person in an institution (excluding inmates of public institutions) on the basis of their eligibility under section 1611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act for all or part of a month provided that Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care;
- Persons in a private-pay facility or private-pay portion of a licensed boarding home; or
- Individuals or couples living with other persons but not considered to be living in the household of another.

**Living in the household of another.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in a household other than their own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not their child, their spouse, or an ineligible person whose income is deemed to them; and
- Receive food and shelter from within that household.

**Foster home.** Includes recipients residing in an adult foster home.

**Flat-rate boarding home.** Includes recipients residing in a boarding home that is licensed by and has a provider agreement with the state for reimbursement at a flat rate.

**Cost-reimbursement boarding home.** Includes recipients residing in a boarding home that is licensed by and has a provider agreement with the state for reimbursement based on cost.

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	<sup>a</sup> 34,200	--	--	--
Living alone or with others	31,897	--	--	--
Living in the household of another	288	--	--	--
Foster home	276	--	--	--
Flat-rate boarding home	15	--	--	--
Cost-reimbursement boarding home	48	--	--	--
Medicaid facility	348	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

a. Includes 1,328 recipients not distributed by living arrangement.

## Maryland

### State Supplementation

#### **Mandatory Minimum supplementation**

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### **Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Human Resources, Family Investment Administration and, in some instances, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Mental Hygiene Administration.

**Effective date:** July 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Annotated Code of Maryland, article 88A, section 3(a), 5, effective January 1, 1974, and Code of Maryland Annotated Regulations 07.03.07.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the county social services agencies.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled individuals living in a care home or in an assisted living facility and who are eligible for payments under the SSI program or who would be eligible except for income. Children are not eligible for optional supplementation.

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

**Income exclusions:** Excludes \$20 of any unearned income, including SSI.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### 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 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Care home				
Minimal supervision	669.00	a	66.00	a
Moderate supervision <sup>b</sup>	778.00	a	175.00	a
Extensive supervision <sup>b</sup>	1,066.00	a	463.00	a
Specialized and intensive supervision <sup>b</sup>	1,269.00	a	666.00	a
Assisted living facility <sup>b</sup>	787.00	a	184.00	a

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

a. The state supplementation rate for individuals applies to each member of a couple.

b. Includes an \$82 personal needs allowance.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Care home with minimal supervision.** Includes individuals who are certified by one of the administering state agencies as requiring minimal supervision in an approved care home.

**Care home with moderate supervision.** Includes individuals who are certified by one of the administering state agencies as requiring moderate supervision in an approved care home.

**Care home with extensive supervision.** Includes individuals who are certified by one of the administering state agencies as requiring extensive supervision in an approved care home.

**Care home with specialized and intensive supervision.** Includes individuals who are certified by one of the administering state agencies as requiring specialized and intensive services in an approved care home.

**Assisted living facility.** Includes individuals certified by the Maryland Department of Human Resources as requiring care in an approved domiciliary care facility.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	2,989	--	--	--
Care home				
Minimal supervision	--	--	--	--
Moderate supervision	--	--	--	--
Extensive supervision	--	--	--	--
Specialized and intensive supervision	480	--	--	--
Assisted living facility	149	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

## Massachusetts

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, chapter 118A, section 1.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to every aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipient, including children, and recipients in private medical facilities where the Medicaid program provides 50 percent or less of the cost of care.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple <sup>a</sup>	Individual	Couple <sup>a</sup>
Living independently	A				
Aged		731.82	1,105.72	128.82	201.72
Blind		752.74	1,505.48	149.74	601.48
Disabled		717.39	1,084.06	114.39	180.06
Shared living expenses	B				
Aged		642.26	1,105.72	39.26	201.72
Blind		752.74	1,505.48	149.74	601.48
Disabled		633.40	1,084.06	30.40	180.06
Living in the household of another	C				
Aged		506.36	818.47	104.36	215.80
Blind		752.74	1,505.47	350.74	902.80
Disabled		489.58	796.85	87.58	194.18
Licensed rest home	E				
Aged and disabled		896.00	1,792.00	293.00	888.00
Blind		752.74	1,505.48	149.74	601.48
Medicaid facility	F	65.00	130.00	35.00	70.00
Assisted living facility	G	1,057.00	1,585.00	454.00	681.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: Blind individuals aged 65 or older are entitled to the highest payment category for which they qualify.

- a. The amounts given apply when both members of a couple belong to the same eligibility category. When members belong to different eligibility categories, the two respective individual benefits are added to obtain the couple's benefit.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**A: Living independently.** Includes recipients who live:

- Alone;
- Only with an eligible spouse;
- With an eligible spouse and with ineligible children who do not receive income maintenance payments; or
- With an ineligible spouse or ineligible children, none of whom receive income maintenance payments. Also includes recipients residing in a federal Code C living arrangement who do not live with any persons receiving income maintenance payments. Persons not meeting these criteria may be included if they are residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement and pay at least two-thirds of the household expenses. Recipients living in public congregate housing developments are also included.

**B: Shared living expenses.** Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code A or C living arrangement and do not meet the criteria for state living arrangement A or E. It therefore includes recipients who reside in group care facilities (such as halfway houses), private medical facilities where Medicaid is paying 50 percent or less of the cost of care, foster homes, commercial boarding homes, or other facilities that do not meet the criteria for state living arrangement A or E. It also includes:

- Recipients who reside in households where they do not pay at least two-thirds of the household expenses and one or more household members receive an income maintenance payment; and
- Transients, the homeless, and residents of public emergency shelters.

**C: Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement.

**E: Licensed rest home.** Includes recipients residing in a licensed rest home that has a provider agreement with the state.

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

**G: Assisted living facility.** Includes recipients residing in nonpublic subsidized assisted living facilities that have been registered with the state.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		167,998	44,239	3,075	96,088	24,596
Living independently	A	77,673	27,028	1,180	43,003	6,462
Shared living expenses	B	73,304	12,085	1,397	43,512	16,310
Living in the household of another	C	11,388	2,918	429	6,476	1,565
Licensed rest home	E	1,871	665	11	1,194	1
Medicaid facility	F	2,450	575	52	1,565	258
Assisted living facility	G	1,312	968	6	338	0

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

## ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

### ***Administration***

State Department of Transitional Assistance and Commission for the Blind.

### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

Vendor payments in lieu of cash payments.

**Disaster benefits:** Replacement of specific items of furniture, household equipment, supplies, food, and clothing for SSI recipients when these items were lost because of a natural disaster or fire. (Amounts exempted in determining SSI eligibility.)

**Burial expenses:** Payment of funeral and burial expenses for SSI recipients must not exceed \$1,100, and the total expense must not exceed \$1,500. When a resource exists, it is deductible from the total expense (maximum \$1,500), and the payment by the department must not exceed \$1,100 of the balance.

**Rest home subsidies:** When cost exceeds the total available income, excluding personal needs allowance, the state will pay difference up to established maximum rates.

**Moving expenses:** The cost of moving within the state for SSI recipients may be paid once in a 12-month period if:

- Present living quarters have been certified as substandard,
  - Moving to new quarters is necessary because of health problems or lack of safety in old neighborhood,
  - Recipient is moving into federal or state subsidized housing, or
  - Recipient is forced to move for other reasons.
- Total payment not to exceed \$150.

**Homemaker and housekeeper services:** The Department of Elder Affairs performs homemaker and housekeeping services for recipients aged 60 or older. The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission provides these services for recipients under age 60.

### ***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.

## Michigan

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** Michigan Department of Human Services administers optional supplementation for recipients living independently or living in the household of another. All other supplementation is administered by the Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Michigan Compiled Laws, chapter 400, act 280, as amended, section 400-10.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, except those residing in medical facilities not certified under Medicaid.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

#### ***Administration***

Michigan Department of Human Services.

#### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

**Personal care and home help:** For recipients living independently, payment for help required with personal care and household activities (maximum is based on individual need).

**State emergency relief:** Services provided for a number of needs arising from specific acceptable causes beyond the recipient's resources to control. Acceptable causes include:

- Fires, floods, and other physical disasters;
- Eviction or foreclosure;
- Home repairs necessary to protect health; and
- Utility shutoff.

**State disability assistance:** SSI recipients are eligible if state disability assistance standards indicate that their needs are greater than their SSI payment plus other income.

### ***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 does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	. . .	617.00	932.00	14.00	28.00
Living in the household of another	. . .	411.33	621.33	9.33	18.66
Domiciliary care	D	690.00	1,380.00	87.00	476.00
Personal care facility	E	760.50	1,521.00	157.50	617.00
Home for the aged	F	782.30	1,564.60	179.30	660.60
Living independently with an essential person	G	919.00	1,227.00	14.00	21.00
Medicaid facility	I	37.00	74.00	7.00	14.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: . . . = not applicable.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently.** Includes all eligible recipients who are not included in any other state living arrangement, recipients residing in facilities where Medicaid is not paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care, and recipients residing in publicly operated emergency shelters throughout a month.

**Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients with no essential person who are residing in a federal Code B living arrangement.

**D: Domiciliary care.** Includes recipients residing in licensed nonmedical facilities that provide room, board, and supervision. The state certifies which recipients are residents requiring this level of care.

**E: Personal care facility.** Includes recipients residing in licensed nonmedical facilities that provide general supervision, physical care, and assistance in carrying out the basic activities of daily living. The state certifies which recipients are residents requiring this level of care.

**F: Home for the aged.** Includes recipients residing in nonmedical facilities for the aged. The state certifies which recipients are residents requiring this level of care. Such care situations include, but are not limited to, licensed homes for the aged.

**G: Living independently with an essential person.** Includes recipients with an essential person who are not living in the household of another. Children under age 18 are excluded. Payment levels for essential person apply only to cases converted from the state rolls in 1974. There are no longer any recipients receiving payments for living in the household of another with an essential person.

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		220,775	--	--	--	--
Living independently or living in the household of another	. . .	205,375	--	--	--	--
Domiciliary care	D	33	0	0	30	3
Personal care facility	E	12,753	401	74	11,369	909
Home for the aged	F	580	242	2	336	0
Living independently with an essential person	G	2	0	0	2	0
Medicaid facility	I	2,032	253	14	1,577	188

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data; state information.

NOTE: -- = not available; . . . = not applicable.

## Minnesota

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Local county offices of the state Welfare and Human Services Agencies (state-supervised). Payments are made under the Minnesota Supplemental Aid Program.

**Effective date:** April 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Minnesota Statutes Annotated, sections 256D.33-256D.54 and 256I.01-256I.06.

#### Funding

*Administration:* County funds; except state expenses, which are state-funded.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** County Welfare and Human Services Agencies.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to SSI recipients, including blind children under the age of 18 and disabled adult children, residing in the specified living arrangements.

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

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

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse; parent or stepparent for blind minor child.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The

federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Assistance for Special Needs

#### Administration

Local county offices of the state Welfare and Human Services Agencies (state-supervised).

#### Special Needs Circumstances

Amounts of assistance for items not covered by the mandatory state standards are determined on the basis of need in each case.

**Diets:** Specified modified diets, when prescribed by a physician, are allowed at designated rate.

**Guardianship fees:** Five percent of gross monthly income (including SSI) up to a maximum of \$100 per month.

**Representative payee services:** Ten percent of gross monthly income, up to a maximum of \$25, for services provided by an agency that meets the requirements under SSI regulations to charge a fee for payee services.

**Emergency aid:** Available once a year for specified needs.

*Housing and major repairs:* Catastrophic situations for homeowners who live in their homes, rent deposits, and moving expenses.

*Furniture and appliances:* Necessary repairs and replacements.

*Utility shutoffs.*

**Shelter needy provision:** A supplemental payment, equal to the maximum Food Stamp allotment for an individual, is granted to participants in the Minnesota Supplemental Aid Program when relocating from an institution into the community if their shelter costs exceed 40 percent of their income. Recipients of the shelter needy special need must apply for subsidized housing.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently				
Entitlement before January 1, 1994	664.00	1,010.00	81.00	126.00
Entitlement January 1, 1994, or later	664.00	995.00	81.00	111.00
Living in the household of another				
Entitlement before January 1, 1994	493.00	929.00	111.00	346.33
Entitlement January 1, 1994, or later	493.00	666.00	111.00	83.33
Nonmedical, group residential facility <sup>a</sup>	713.00	b	130.00	b
Medicaid facility	79.00	b	49.00	b

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: Minnesota Supplemental Aid Program excludes the first \$20 of the SSI payment for recipients who live independently.

- a. Includes \$79 a month for clothing and personal needs and a \$12 a month community living adjustment.  
b. Couples are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently.** Includes recipients who are solely responsible for paying costs connected with their home or apartment and persons who are eligible for Medicaid home- and community-based service waivers or are at risk of being placed in a group residential facility.

**Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients who live with another person, regardless of the relationship, in a house or an apartment.

**Nonmedical, group residential facility.** Includes recipients who reside in a congregate care setting and have their shelter payments negotiated by the county agency. Nonmedical facilities include foster care, boarding care, and room and board arrangements.

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	28,466	6,241	136	22,089
Living independently	--	--	--	--
Living in the household of another	--	--	--	--
Nonmedical, group residential facility	7,259	--	--	--
Medicaid facility	--	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

## **Medicaid**

### **Eligibility**

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** Local county offices of the state Welfare and Human Services Agencies (state-supervised).

## **Medically Needy Program**

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

## **Unpaid Medical Expenses**

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

## Mississippi

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

State does not provide optional supplementation.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

## ***Medicaid***

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### ***Eligibility***

**Criteria:** SSI program guidelines (Title XVI). State has more liberal guidelines for Medicaid-only (non-SSI) recipients.

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration for SSI recipients; Division of Medicaid for those with income above SSI state limits.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

## Missouri

### **State Supplementation**

#### **Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services.

#### **Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

#### **Statutory basis for payment**

*Supplemental aid to the blind:* Missouri Revised Statutes, section 209.

*All other supplementation:* Missouri Revised Statutes, section 208.030, subchapter 5.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** State offices of the Division of Family Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to any person who:

- Is aged, blind, or disabled and over age 18;
- Resides in a licensed residential care facility or a licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home that is not a Medicaid facility; and
- Has insufficient cash income to cover costs of care in the facility.

Blind persons over age 18 living on their own are also provided with a supplement. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

#### **Resource limitations**

*Aged and disabled:* \$999.99 individual; \$2,000 couple.

*Blind:* \$2,000 individual; \$4,000 couple.

**Income exclusions:** There are no income exclusions for the aged or disabled unless they are employed at a sheltered workshop. Disregards for the blind include the first \$65 plus one-half of the remainder of earned income.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Licensed residential care facility, Level I	759.00	1,216.00	156.00	312.00
Licensed residential care facility, Level II	895.00	1,488.00	292.00	584.00
Licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home <sup>a</sup>	993.00	1,684.00	390.00	780.00
Aid to the blind	b	b	b	b

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

- a. Recipients in licensed nursing homes are entitled to an additional \$25 per month to meet their personal needs. If the recipient is already receiving a personal needs allowance from another state or federal agency, this payment will not be made by the Division of Family Services.
- b. Recipients receive a maximum combined federal and state payment of \$510 for an individual and \$1,020 for a couple.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Licensed residential care facility, Level I.** Residents must meet state income and resource guidelines. Care provided is similar to boarding home care.

**Licensed residential care facility, Level II.** Residents must meet state income and resource guidelines. Custodial-type care is provided.

**Licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home.** Custodial care and medical care are provided.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	7,662	4,337	1	3,324
Licensed residential care facility, Level I	1,941	602	0	1,339
Licensed residential care facility, Level II	5,528	3,612	0	1,916
Licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home	192	123	0	69
Aid to the blind	1	0	1	0

SOURCE: State information.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***Medicaid***

#### ***Eligibility***

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** State.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

## Montana

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** July 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Montana Code Annotated 52-1-104.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Developmental Disabilities and Adult Protective Services District Offices, Child and Family Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services, and other designated contracting agencies.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all persons residing in specified living arrangements.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***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 does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Assisted living facility	G	697.00	1,097.00	94.00	193.00
Group home for the mentally ill or disabled	H	697.00	1,097.00	94.00	193.00
Community home for the physically or developmentally disabled	I	697.00	1,097.00	94.00	193.00
Child and adult foster care home	J	655.75	1,014.50	52.75	110.50
Transitional living services for the developmentally disabled	K	629.00	961.00	26.00	57.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: Up to \$100 may be retained per month as a personal needs allowance, depending on the facility.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**G: Assisted living facility.** A facility that provides 24-hour personal care services to five or more persons who do not need skilled nursing care. Personal care services include help with eating, walking, dressing, bathing, etc., as well as supervision, local transportation, and protective oversight. These facilities must be licensed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services. Residents must:

- Be 18 years of age or older,
- Be ambulatory,
- Not be incontinent, and
- Not need chemical or physical restraints.

**H: Group home for the mentally ill or disabled.** Provides residential services to mentally ill persons in the community. Must have current license from the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

**I: Community home for the physically or developmentally disabled.** Homes for the developmentally disabled provide a family-type residence and related residential services to persons with developmental disabilities. Children can be residents of these homes. Homes for the severely disabled provide a home-like residence for two to eight severely disabled persons. Persons with a primary diagnosis of mental illness are not included in the latter homes. These homes must be licensed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

**J: Child and adult foster care home.** A children's foster home is a licensed home that provides care to a child. An adult foster home is a home licensed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services that provides personal and custodial care to disabled adults or aged persons.

**K: Transitional living services for the developmentally disabled.** This program provides an intermediate step between the group home and independent living. It consists of persons living in congregate apartments with some staff supervision. Staff provide assistance in such areas of daily living as cooking, shopping, and cleaning.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		925	20	11	637	257
Assisted living facility	G	80	15	0	60	5
Group home for the mentally ill or disabled	H	84	0	0	40	44
Community home for the physically or developmentally disabled	I	556	5	10	445	96
Child and adult foster care home	J	171	0	1	61	109
Transitional living services for the developmentally disabled	K	34	0	0	31	3

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

# Nebraska

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Human Services.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Human Services.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 68-1005.

### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Department of Health and Human Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled recipients who meet state guidelines, including children, except those in public institutions where Medicaid is not paying for the cost of care. Persons living in the household of another receive the same state supplement as those living independently.

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

### Income exclusions

*Aged and disabled:* Federal SSI regulations apply.

*Blind:* Income exclusions include the first \$20 per month of unearned income, not including SSI, and the first \$85 plus one-half of the remainder of earned income.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

## State Assistance for Special Needs

### Administration

State Department of Health and Human Services.

### Special Needs Circumstances

**Transportation costs:** Thirty-seven cents per mile for obtaining medical services if recipient uses his or her own car.

### Repair or purchase of furniture and appliances:

Repair or purchase of furniture and appliances over \$750 total cost may be included (with state office approval) if the unit lacks essential items.

**Moving expenses:** Costs of moving may be included if the recipient is forced to move for reasons beyond his or her control or if the recipient can obtain lower-cost shelter.

**Taxes:** Back taxes may be included if the individual would soon lose his or her home and the plan to remain in the home is preferred by the individual and recommended by the case worker.

**Home repairs:** Payments for home repairs, up to \$1,000, if essential for the recipient's health or safety.

**Meals and lodging:** The cost of meals (up to \$12 per day) and lodging, if verified as related to obtaining approved health services, may be granted if the individual is away from home for more than 12 hours.

**Maintenance for guide dog:** The medical and maintenance costs of a seeing-eye dog may be allowed.

**Guardian or conservator:** An allowance not to exceed \$10 a month may be allowed if the client has a court-appointed guardian or conservator.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	603.00	904.00	0	0
Room and board facility <sup>a</sup>	520.00	1,040.00	118.00	136.00
Adult family home <sup>b</sup>	751.00	1,502.00	148.00	598.00
Licensed center for developmentally disabled <sup>a</sup>	590.00	1,180.00	188.00	276.00
Licensed group home for children or child-caring agency (disabled) <sup>b</sup>	687.00	...	84.00	...
Assisted living facility	1,031.00	2,062.00	428.00	1,158.00
Medicaid facility	50.00	100.00	20.00	40.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Applies only to persons living in the household of another.

b. Includes a minimum of \$60 for personal needs allowance.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code A living arrangement.

**Room and board facility.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in a household other than their own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not their child, their spouse, or an ineligible person whose income is deemed to them; and
- Receive food and shelter from within that household.

**Adult family home.** A residential living unit that provides full-time residence with minimal supervision and guidance to not more than three individuals aged 19 or older. Individuals residing in these homes are essentially capable of managing their own affairs but need supervision. These homes are certified by the social services unit in the local offices of the Department of Social Services.

**Licensed center for developmentally disabled.** These facilities provide accommodations and board and care (e.g., personal assistance in feeding, dressing, and other essential daily living activities) to four or more individuals who are unable to care for themselves or manage their own affairs because of illness, disease, injury, deformity, disability, or physical or mental infirmity. They do not, however, require the daily services of licensed, registered, or practical nurses. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Licensed group home for children or child-caring agency (disabled).** These facilities provide 24-hour accommodations for two or more developmentally disabled minors. The homes are under the direction and control of a mental retardation program and are licensed by the Department of Social Services.

**Assisted living facility.** A residential facility unit that provides accommodations and board and care for four or more individuals not related to the owner, operator, manager, or administrator. These individuals may be unable to manage their own affairs because of illness, disease, injury, deformity, or physical or mental infirmity. These individuals do not require the daily services of a licensed nurse; however, staff may assist with the taking of oral or external medication.

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	<sup>a</sup> 2,941	680	21	<sup>a</sup> 2,240
Living independently	1,186	315	6	865
Room and board facility	8	2	0	6
Adult family home	125	11	1	113
Licensed center for developmentally disabled	2	0	0	2
Licensed group home for children or child-caring agency (disabled)	2	0	0	2
Assisted living facility	933	185	7	741
Medicaid facility	672	167	7	498
Other	13	0	0	13

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: Includes certain grandfathered, non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria.

a. Includes 13 disabled recipients not distributed by living arrangement.

## **Medicaid**

### **Eligibility**

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

**Determined by:** State.

### **Medically Needy Program**

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

### **Unpaid Medical Expenses**

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

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## Nevada

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

No recipients.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Nevada Revised Statutes, title 38, Public Welfare.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged and blind recipients, including children, except those in medical institutions not licensed by Medicaid and those in medical institutions for whom Medicaid pays over 50 percent of the cost of their care. State does not have an assistance program for disabled persons.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** State.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	A				
Aged		639.40	978.46	36.40	74.46
Blind		712.30	1,278.60	109.30	<sup>a</sup> 374.60
Living in the household of another	B				
Aged		426.27	652.31	24.27	49.64
Blind		615.96	1,134.61	213.96	<sup>b</sup> 531.94
Domiciliary care (aged and blind)	C	994.00	1,785.00	391.00	881.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: Blind individuals aged 65 or older are entitled to the highest payment category for which they qualify.

DEFINITIONS:

**A: Living independently.** Includes aged and blind recipients who live in their own household or are in certified private medical facilities where Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of care. Also includes blind children under age 18 living in their parents' household.

**B: Living in the household of another.** Includes aged and blind recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement.

**C: Domiciliary care (aged and blind).** Includes aged and blind recipients who live in private nonmedical facilities or in residential facilities serving 16 or fewer persons that provide personal care and services and who are unrelated to the proprietor.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	
				Adults	Children
All recipients		<sup>a</sup> 8,959	8,213	501	135
Living independently	A	7,792	7,218	447	127
Living in the household of another	B	697	642	48	7
Domiciliary care	C	360	353	6	1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

a. Includes 110 recipients not distributed by eligibility category or living arrangement.

## New Hampshire

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Assistance.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Local offices of the state Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Assistance.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** New Hampshire Revised Statutes, as amended, section 167:7, I, II, III, IV.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Aged and disabled assistance:* 50 percent state funds, 50 percent county funds.

*Blind assistance:* 100 percent state funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the Division of Family Assistance.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to SSI recipients, including blind children under the age of 18 and disabled adult children, residing in the specified living arrangements. Persons living in the household of another receive the same state supplement as those living independently.

**Resource limitations:** No monetary or acreage limitation on property occupied as a home. Personal property limited to \$1,500 net cash value for an individual or a couple excluding clothing, household furnishings, tools, car, life insurance, and farm equipment or livestock used for food needs. Cash value of life insurance not counted unless face value exceeds \$1,500 per person; when it exceeds that, equity value counts toward the \$1,500 resource limit.

#### Income exclusions

*Standard exclusions for any income, including SSI (in dollars; . . . = not applicable.)*

<u>Living arrangement</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	13.00	20.00
Living with an essential person	25.00	25.00
Residential care facility for adults	13.00	...
Enhanced family care facility	13.00	...
Community residence	13.00	...

#### Earned income exclusions

- Aged and disabled—Same as federal.
- Blind—\$85 of gross earnings plus one-half of amount over \$85.

*Other exclusions:* If recipient receives income from other persons in exchange for providing only room for such persons, \$50 per person is deducted from such income. Actual expenses if greater may be allowed, subject to verification.

If income is received in exchange for room and board, the Food Stamp coupon allotment for each boarder is deducted in addition to the amounts given above.

#### Recoveries, liens, and assignments

*Aged and disabled:* All aid paid is by law a lien on the estate of the recipient (and spouse if living together). No recovery from real estate occupied by surviving spouse or blind or disabled child or from personal property of less than \$100. State may waive recovery.

*Blind:* No lien provisions applicable.

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse; parent or stepparent for minor child.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently or in the household of another	630.00	925.00	27.00	21.00
Living with an essential person <sup>a</sup>	...	1,219.00	...	13.00
Residential care facility for adults	810.00	b	207.00	b
Enhanced family care facility	810.00	b	207.00	b
Community residence				
Nonsubsidized	752.00	...	149.00	...
Subsidized	692.00	...	89.00	...
Medicaid facility	56.00	...	26.00	...

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Applies only to SSI recipients converted from former state assistance programs.

b. The state supplementation rate for individuals applies to each member of a couple.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently or in the household of another.** Includes all adult recipients residing in a federal Code A or B living arrangement who are not included in any other state living arrangement. Also includes blind children residing in a federal Code A, B, or C living arrangement.

**Living with an essential person.** Includes recipients living in a private household with a person who provides the essential care and personal services that enable them to remain in their household.

**Residential care facility for adults.** Facilities that provide housing for 1 to 25 elderly or physically disabled adults who cannot live alone but do not require nursing home care.

**Enhanced family care facility.** Community residences that are owned and operated by a person or family living in the residence. One or more individuals receive services in a certified family environment, and members of the host family provide the primary daily support.

**Community residence.** A facility that provides housing on a 24-hour basis to mentally ill or developmentally impaired persons. Care provided is a combination of supervised social, personal, and mental health services. The appropriate community residence standard of need is based on whether the resident received any type of subsidy from the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services.

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

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

**Determined by:** State.

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

***Medically Needy Program***

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

***State Assistance for Special Needs***

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

***Medicaid***

***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

***Eligibility***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind <sup>a</sup>	Disabled
All recipients	7,476	1,331	246	5,899
Living independently or in the household of another	6,330	1,099	199	5,032
Living with an essential person	0	0	0	0
Residential care facility for adults	132	81	2	49
Enhanced family care facility	693	109	35	549
Community residence				
Nonsubsidized	38	5	0	33
Subsidized	275	32	10	233
Medicaid facility	8	5	0	3

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: Includes certain grandfathered, non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria.

a. Only blind children are eligible for optional supplementation; they are included in counts for the blind.

## New Jersey

NOTE: This information is for 2005. The state did not provide information for 2006. The data in the tables are for 2006 and were provided by the Social Security Administration.

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** New Jersey Statutes Annotated, 44:7-86.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled recipients, including children, except those in publicly operated community residences or facilities where Medicaid pays less than 50 percent of the cost of care. Supplementation provided to recipients in approved residential facilities.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** Not provided by state.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Assistance for Special Needs

#### Administration

State Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development.

#### Special Needs Circumstances

Emergency assistance for catastrophic events and burial and funeral payments. Eligibility for payments based on meeting requirements for mandatory minimum or optional state supplementary payments.

### 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 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Congregate care facility <sup>a</sup>	A	753.05	1,487.36	150.05	583.36
Living alone or with others	B	634.25	929.36	31.25	25.36
Living alone with an ineligible spouse	C	929.36	...	326.36	...
Living with an essential person	C	929.36	...	24.36	...
Living in the household of another	D	446.31	695.76	44.31	93.09
Medicaid facility	G	40.00	80.00	10.00	20.00
Residential health care facility	I	813.05	1,607.36	210.05	703.36

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. State supplement includes a \$67.50 personal needs allowance per person per month.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**A: Congregate care facility.** Includes recipients in:

- Residential health care facilities, assisted living residences, or comprehensive personal care homes licensed by the Department of Health.
- Recipients in residential facilities for children and adults under the supervision of or placement by the Division of Developmental Disabilities or the Division of Youth and Family Services and approved by the Department of Human Services.

**B: Living alone or with others.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement who do not meet the definitions of other state living arrangements. Includes persons in:

- The Transitional Residency Program when their placement is through the Division of Mental Health and Hospitals, Department of Human Services,
- Room and board facilities licensed by the Department of Community Affairs, and
- Persons in medical facilities who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement on the basis of their eligibility under section 1611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act.

**C: Living alone or with an ineligible spouse.**

- Applies to recipients who live with their ineligible spouse only or with their ineligible spouse and foster children only.
- Uses federal criteria. Recipient currently has an essential person living in the household and in December 1973 was receiving assistance under an approved state plan that covered the needs of an essential person.

**D: Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement.

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

**I: Residential health care facility.** The state did not provide a definition.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		148,581	32,752	850	86,061	28,918
Congregate care facility	A	5,049	498	33	4,034	484
Living alone or with others	B	114,448	21,623	637	66,782	25,406
Living alone with an ineligible spouse or essential person	C	5,446	2,509	27	2,908	2
Living in the household of another	D	18,453	7,204	136	8,631	2,482
Medicaid facility	G	3,891	834	15	2,506	536
Residential health care facility	I	1,294	84	2	1,200	8

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

## New Mexico

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** State-administered through the county offices of the state Department of Human Services.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** State-administered through the county offices of the state Department of Human Services.

**Effective date:** July 1, 1976.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Chapter 51, Laws of 1976.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** County offices of the state Department of Human Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients who reside in a licensed adult residential care home. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

#### ***Administration***

State administered through the county offices of the state Department of Human Services.

#### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

Burial expenses provided for SSI recipients. Payment of up to \$200 toward funeral expenses if available resources of the deceased are insufficient to cover costs and no other person will assume expenses. No payment is made when resources available from all sources total \$600 or more.

### ***Medicaid***

#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Licensed adult residential care home	703.00	1,104.00	100.00	200.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: Payment levels apply equally to the aged, blind, and disabled.

DEFINITION:

**Licensed adult residential care home.** Includes no more than 15 persons who reside in a home-like atmosphere and receive assistance with activities of daily life.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
Licensed adult residential care home	505	56	4	445

SOURCE: State information.

## New York

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration. State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance administers an additional \$25 payment to some SSI recipients in nursing homes and \$5 to recipients in all other medical facilities. The payment is called a State Supplemental Personal Needs Allowance.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** New York State Social Services Law, section 207-212.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, except those living in publicly operated residences having more than 16 residents, in publicly operated emergency shelters, or in medical facilities where Medicaid pays less than 50 percent of the cost of care. Congregate care is provided in a nonmedical setting. Supplementation for congregate care varies according to geographic area. Children are eligible for optional state supplementation at the congregate care Level 1 and Level 2 rates and the living-with-others rate. Children must be placed in facilities certified by the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, or the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.

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

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

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse; parent or stepparent for minor child.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

#### ***Administration***

State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (only in cases of emergency).

#### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

**Energy assistance:** An emergency assistance grant can be provided to eligible SSI recipients to safeguard health, safety, and welfare.

**Shelter-related expenses:** Moving expenses, brokers' fees, security deposits, storage fees, maintenance of home during hospitalization, establishment of a home when deinstitutionalized.

**Replacement of basic needs items:** Replacement of furniture, clothing, food, fuel, etc., lost as a result of fire, flood, or other catastrophe.

**Repair or replacement of major appliances:** Repair or replacement of essential household equipment, including heating and plumbing equipment, and major appliances.

**Food for guide dog:** A recurring assistance grant is provided to unemployed blind or deaf SSI recipients for the purchase of food for a guide dog.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living alone	A	690.00	1,008.00	87.00	104.00
Living with others	B	626.00	950.00	23.00	46.00
Congregate care facility, Level 1 <sup>a</sup>	C				
Areas A and B		869.48	1,738.96	266.48	834.96
Area C		831.48	1,662.96	228.48	758.96
Congregate care facility, Level 2 <sup>b</sup>	D				
Areas A and B		1,038.00	2,076.00	435.00	1,172.00
Area C		1,008.00	2,016.00	405.00	1,112.00
Congregate care facility, Level 3 <sup>c</sup>	E				
Area A		1,128.00	2,243.00	525.00	1,339.00
Areas B and C		1,113.00	2,213.00	510.00	1,309.00
Living in the household of another	F	425.00	648.67	23.00	46.00
Medical facility, publicly operated residential facility, and public emergency shelter	Z	603.00	904.00	d	d

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: Payment levels differ by geographic area until 2007. Area A is New York City; Area B is Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester counties; and Area C is all other counties.

- a. The minimum personal needs allowance is \$116.
- b. The minimum personal needs allowance is \$135.
- c. The minimum personal needs allowance is \$150.
- d. Recipients living in a nursing home licensed by the Department of Health receive a State Supplemental Personal Needs Allowance (SS/PNA) of \$25, and recipients in all other medical facilities receive an SS/PNA of \$5. The payments are issued by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**A: Living alone.** Includes recipients living alone, with foster children, with an authorized homemaker, or in a family care home placed by an authorized agency. Also includes recipients living with others but either paying a flat fee for both room and board or preparing their meals separately.

**B: Living with others.** Includes recipients who reside in a dwelling with others and:

- Prepare food in common with at least one other person in the dwelling,
- Are members of a religious community, or
- Are children who have not been included in state living arrangement C or D.

**C: Congregate care facility, Level 1.** Includes recipients in family-type homes and family care homes. These homes serve persons who are unable to function completely independently. Family-type homes are facilities certified by New York State, supervised by local departments of social services, and operated for the purpose of providing long-term residential care for adults. Family care homes are private households that provide care for mentally disabled persons. Eligibility for care in these homes is based on certification of placement by the local Department of Social Services or an office of the state Department of Mental Hygiene.

**D: Congregate care facility, Level 2.** Includes recipients in residential facilities who are aged or have mental or physical disabilities. Facilities at this level provide residential care for adults (and some children) and are certified by the New York State Department of Health.

**E: Congregate care facility, Level 3.** Includes recipients in nonmedical privately operated, state-certified, residential facilities that are operated for the purpose of providing treatment, training, and education for mentally retarded or developmentally disabled individuals.

**F: Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement and for New York State purposes is considered part of the living-with-others living arrangement.

**Z: Medical facility, publicly operated residential facility, and public emergency shelter.** Includes recipients in publicly operated residential facilities and public emergency shelters. This arrangement applies:

- When an SSI recipient is residing in a medical facility and is not expected to return home within 90 days and Medicaid is paying for at least 50 percent of the cost of care;
- When an SSI recipient is residing in a private medical facility and Medicaid is paying for less than 50 percent of the cost of care;
- When a recipient resides in a publicly operated residential facility serving 76 or fewer residents; or
- While a recipient resides in a public emergency shelter for 6 calendar months during a 9-month period.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		637,704	134,602	3,056	400,187	99,859
Living alone	A	330,510	100,834	1,540	223,614	4,522
Living with others	B	221,538	17,860	1,027	116,553	86,098
Congregate care facility, Level 1	C	4,512	164	23	3,706	619
Congregate care facility, Level 2	D	26,451	955	157	23,263	2,076
Congregate care facility, Level 3	E	10,656	2,906	38	7,679	33
Living in the household of another	F	23,981	8,962	150	11,465	3,404
Medical facility, publicly operated residential facility, and public emergency shelter	Z	20,056	2,921	121	13,907	3,107

SOURCE: State information.

**Other circumstances:** Payments for goods and services already received; chattel mortgages and conditional sales contracts; replacement of lost, stolen, or mismanaged cash; replacement of SSI checks that are lost, stolen, or not received (subject to recoupment).

### **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 does not obtain this information.

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## North Carolina

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### **State Supplementation**

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#### **Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services and Division of Services for the Blind (state-supervised and county-administered).

#### **Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services and Division of Services for the Blind (state-supervised and county-administered). Payments are made under the State/County Special Assistance for Adults program.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** General Statutes of North Carolina 108A.40 through 108A.47 and chapter 111 and chapter 143B-139.5.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* 100 percent county funds.

*Assistance:* 50 percent state funds; 50 percent county funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** County Department of Social Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled adults living in adult care homes. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

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

#### **Income exclusions**

*All categories:* A \$20 exemption applies to any income, including SSI, with the exception of income received as

a Veterans Administration (VA) pension payment or a VA compensation payment to the surviving parent of a veteran.

*Aged and disabled:* Federal SSI regulations apply.

*Blind:* For earned income, exclude the first \$85 plus one-half of the remainder.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### **State Assistance for Special Needs**

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### **Medicaid**

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#### **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 does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
<b>Adult care home</b>				
Basic (aged, blind, and disabled) <sup>a</sup>	1,164.00	b	561.00	b
Disenfranchised (aged and disabled)	1,277.00	b	674.00	b
Special care unit (aged, blind, and disabled)	1,561.00	b	958.00	b
<b>Blind, pending SSI eligibility <sup>c</sup></b>				
Not paying shelter and utilities	...	...	97.00	<sup>d</sup> 194.00
Paying shelter and utilities	...	...	146.00	<sup>e</sup> 243.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- An additional \$20 income exclusion is allowed. In addition, a \$46 personal needs allowance is included in the optional supplementation.
- Couples residing in these living arrangements are treated as individuals.
- This is a temporary supplement paid until SSI eligibility is determined. This is for people who are currently in a private living
- If only one member of the couple is blind, payment level is \$146.
- If only one member of the couple is blind, payment level is \$219.

**DEFINITION:**

**Adult care home.** Includes recipients residing in an assisted living residence in which the housing management provides 24-hour scheduled and unscheduled personal care services to two or more residents either directly or, for scheduled needs, through formal written agreement with licensed home care or hospice agencies. Recipients residing in a special care unit for Alzheimer's in an adult care home are eligible for a higher payment amount.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	23,823	12,048	99	11,676
<b>Adult care home</b>				
Basic	23,488	11,742	99	11,647
Disenfranchised	5	3	0	2
Special care unit	330	303	0	27

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: Includes certain grandfathered, non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria.

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## North Dakota

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

No recipients.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** State does not provide optional supplementation.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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#### ***Administration***

County social service boards.

#### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

At option of individual counties.

**Homemaker and housekeeper services:** Services available to recipients aged 60 or older.

**Licensed adult foster home:** When costs of care exceed total of SSI and state supplementary payments, the state will pay the difference up to the established maximum rate.

**Personal care and home help:** Services available to recipients living independently who require help with personal care and household activities.

**Burial expenses:** Payment of funeral and burial expenses for SSI recipients will not exceed \$1,100. When a resource exists, it is deductible from the total benefit.

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***Eligibility***

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** State.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

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

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

# Ohio

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Aging and Department of Jobs and Family Services (state-administered through local area agencies on aging).

**Effective date:** July 15, 1982.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Ohio Revised Code 173.35.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Passport agencies.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled recipients residing in the specified living arrangements. Eligibility is also extended to persons who are not SSI recipients. Children under age 18 are not eligible for supplementation.

**Resource limitations:** Countable resources may not exceed \$1,500 for an individual and \$2,250 for a couple. Household goods and personal effects are excluded. One automobile may also be excluded if it meets the following conditions:

- Specially equipped for a disabled person,
- Used for employment,
- Used for medical transportation, or
- Has an equity value not exceeding \$4,500 (excess above \$4,500 is a countable resource).

Additional exclusions include one burial plot, irrevocable burial contracts (revocable burial contracts

are not excluded), and life insurance policies with a total face value of \$1,500 or less (if more, the cash surrender value is a countable resource).

**Income exclusions:** Cost-of-living increases for SSI recipients after July 15, 1982, are disregarded. Earned income exclusions apply. Effective January 1, 2001, the disregard is \$270 for an individual and \$405 for a couple.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

## State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs unless the recipient is eligible for Medicaid.

## Medicaid

### Eligibility

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** State.

### Medically Needy Program

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

### Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Adult family or foster home	1,109.00	2,063.00	506.00	1,159.00
Adult community mental health housing	909.00	1,663.00	306.00	759.00
Adult community alternative home	1,109.00	2,063.00	506.00	1,159.00
Adult group home	1,209.00	2,263.00	606.00	1,359.00
Residential care facility	1,209.00	2,263.00	606.00	1,359.00
Adult residential care facility	1,109.00	2,063.00	506.00	1,159.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: Includes a personal needs allowance of \$50 per individual, \$100 per couple.

DEFINITIONS:

**Adult family or foster home.** Includes recipients living in a residence for one or two adults that is not certified or licensed by the Department of Mental Health but is certified by the Department of Human Services or by the Department of Aging or its designee.

**Adult family home.** Includes recipients living in a residence or facility that is licensed by the Department of Health and provides accommodations for three to five adults and supervision or personal care services for at least three of those adults.

**Adult community alternative home (under adult community mental health housing).** Includes recipients who have acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or a condition related to AIDS. The home is for three to five unrelated adults and is licensed by the Department of Health.

**Adult group home.** Includes recipients residing in an adult foster care facility licensed by the Department of Health that provides room and board for six to sixteen adults and also provides supervision and personal care services to at least three of those adults.

**Adult residential care facility.** Includes recipients residing in a home licensed by the Department of Health that provides accommodations for sixteen or more adults and also provides supervision and personal care services to three or more individuals who require such services because of age or physical or mental impairment.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	1,837	--	--	--
Adult family home	320	--	--	--
Adult foster home	74	--	--	--
Adult community mental health housing	6	--	--	--
Adult community alternative home	0	--	--	--
Adult group home	927	--	--	--
Residential or adult residential care facility	510	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

## Oklahoma

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services. Payments are made under the Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Totally and Permanently Disabled program.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, Article XXV.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Department of Human Services or physicians' offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional supplement provided to all needy aged, blind, and disabled persons living independently.

**Resource limitations:** Federal SSI regulations apply. In addition, the value of original Indian allotments, land purchased from allotment proceeds, and land purchased from funds granted to the Indian in lieu of original allotment, provided the land is held in trust for the Indian and is held by the original allottee, is disregarded. Prepaid funeral contracts are also disregarded when the recipient has signed an irrevocable contract up to \$7,500.

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI earned income exclusions used. No unearned income is excluded.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

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

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***Medicaid***

#### ***Eligibility***

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** State.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

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

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	651.00	1,000.00	48.00	96.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

DEFINITION:

**Living independently.** Includes recipients residing in federal Codes A, B, and C living arrangements with the exception of those residing in nursing homes or hospitals.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
Living independently	78,040	18,568	454	47,489	11,529

SOURCE: State information.

## Oregon

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services, Adult and Family Services Division, Senior and Disabled Services Division (state-administered in local offices).

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services, Adult and Family Services Division, Senior and Disabled Services Division (state-administered in local offices).

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Oregon Revised Statutes 411.120.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the Department of Human Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients residing in the specified living arrangements. Blind children are eligible for state supplementation; disabled children under age 18 are ineligible.

**Resource limitations:** Federal SSI limitations used, except that the transfer of a home may render a person ineligible after 60 months from the date of application per the Deficit Reduction Act.

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI earned income exclusions used. No unearned income is excluded.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** Assistance paid constitutes an unsecured prior claim against property or any interest therein belonging to the estate of a recipient except such portion as is being occupied as a home by the spouse, minor dependent child, or parent of deceased recipient. The Department of Human Services may compromise claim by accepting other security or may

waive payment when enforcement would be inequitable and would tend to defeat the purpose of public assistance law.

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state issues a standard supplement of \$1.70 to aged individuals; \$26.70 to blind individuals; and \$25.60 to blind couples living independently in the household of another. The state no longer provides a supplement to couples who reside in adult foster care or residential care. For all benefits that qualify as special needs, a check is issued to the recipient for the amount of the supplement.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Assistance for Special Needs

#### Administration

State Department of Human Services.

#### Special Needs Circumstances

**Clothing for employment:** Essential clothing may be provided for a recipient to begin employment if the recipient has been accepted for a job.

**Special diet:** Payment for a special diet will be allowed if need has been established by a physician and the recipient maintains independent living.

**Restaurant meals:** Restaurant meals are allowed in addition to the standard supplemental payments when the recipient is unable to prepare meals because of a physical or mental disability.

**Laundry allowances:** Laundry allowances are provided when the recipient has no available laundry facilities of any kind or is so disabled that he or she cannot do his or her own laundry and there is no other person living in the home who can do it.

**Telephone allowances:** Telephone allowances may be provided when the recipient lives alone and is housebound, lives in a situation so remote that a telephone is essential, or needs a telephone to maintain a job.

**Maintenance for guide dogs:** Payment for food will be made for guide dogs or special assistive animals.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently				
Aged and disabled	604.70	...	1.70	...
Blind	629.70	929.00	26.70	25.00
Living in the household of another				
Aged and disabled	403.70	...	1.70	...
Blind	428.70	628.27	26.70	25.60
Adult foster care or residential care facility <sup>a</sup>				
Aged and disabled	604.70	b	1.70	b
Blind	629.70	b	26.70	b

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. Additional costs are covered by special service funds. Persons with veterans aid and attendants income are allowed to keep \$90 as a personal needs allowance.
- b. The state no longer supplements couples in adult foster care, residential care, assisted living, or specialized living. These recipients are covered under a home and community waiver. The income standard is 300 percent of the SSI standard for a single recipient.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently.** Includes recipients living alone in their own household.

**Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients who live in the household of another.

**Adult foster care facility.** Includes recipients living in homes or other facilities that include board and room and 24-hour care and services for five or fewer elderly or disabled persons who are aged 18 or older.

**Residential care facility.** Includes recipients living in facilities of one or more buildings on contiguous property that provide 24-hour care and services to six or more people aged 16 or older.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind <sup>a</sup>	Disabled
All recipients	23,539	3,184	477	19,878
Living independently or in the household of another	22,507	2,684	440	19,383
Adult foster care or residential care facility	1,032	500	37	495

SOURCE: State information.

- a. Includes blind children.

**Moving expenses:** Moving costs will be provided if moving is essential to provide nonhazardous housing for the recipient or if the recipient has been evicted for reasons not attributable to his or her neglect or his or her failure to pay rent or house payments.

**Household equipment costs:** Certain items of household equipment may be purchased or repaired if the recipient is unable to obtain them without cost; a one-time payment of chattel mortgages or sales contracts may be made to prevent repossession if the cost of replacing an essential item exceeds the balance due on the contract.

**Shelter exceptions:** Additional payment is made for shelter expenses in situations in which the recipient has special needs that make it impractical or impossible to rent or continue to purchase adequate housing with current benefit payment.

**Transportation expenses:** Certain transportation expenses may be provided to meet specific needs of recipients.

**Community transition services:** Individuals leaving a nursing facility or an acute care hospital can receive payments for such items as security deposits, utility hookups, furnishings, and so on.

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## ***Medicaid***

### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** State.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

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## Pennsylvania

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration; State Department of Public Welfare.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Article IV, section 432(2), and Pennsylvania Public Welfare Code.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to every aged, blind, and disabled person who is eligible for SSI payments (or would receive them except for excess income) and who reside in the specified living arrangements. Persons residing in public institutions or in certified medical facilities where Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care are not eligible for supplementation. Blind and disabled children are eligible for optional supplementation, except those living in domiciliary care and personal care homes where they must be aged 18 or older.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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#### ***Administration***

State Department of Public Welfare.

#### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

*Burial expenses:* Up to \$750 in absence of other resources to meet cost.

*Moving expenses:* Up to \$200 may be paid (once in a 12-month period) if moving is required because of eviction or for health and welfare reasons.

*Medical transportation expenses:* Provides transportation expenses to and from medical appointments for those who need assistance.

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***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 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living alone <sup>a</sup>	...	630.40	947.70	27.40	43.70
Living in the household of another <sup>b</sup>	...	429.40	646.37	27.40	43.70
Living with an essential person <sup>b</sup>	C	948.70	1,274.05	43.70	68.05
Living with an essential person in the household of another <sup>a</sup>	D	647.70	872.05	43.70	68.05
Domiciliary care facility for adults	G	992.30	1,761.40	389.30	857.40
Personal care boarding home	H	997.30	1,771.40	394.30	867.40

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. State now administers payment for this living arrangement.
- b. Applies only to cases converted from former state assistance programs.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living alone.** Includes all recipients in private medical facilities (nursing homes, hospitals, intermediate care facilities) where Medicaid is not paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care, residents of publicly operated emergency shelters throughout a month, and all other individuals and couples residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement not meeting the definitions of other state arrangements. Includes persons in medical facilities who are residing in a federal Code A living arrangement on the basis of their eligibility under section 1611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act.

**Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients who do not have an essential person and who reside in a federal Code B living arrangement.

**C: Living with an essential person.** Includes recipients who are not living in the household of another or in a foster care home for adults and who have one or more essential persons.

**D: Living with an essential person in the household of another.** Includes recipients who live in the household of another and have one or more essential persons.

**G: Domiciliary care facility for adults.** Includes adult recipients (aged 18 or older) certified by the state to be residing in nonmedical residential care facilities.

**H: Personal care boarding home.** Includes adult recipients (aged 18 or older) certified by the state to be residing in nonmedical residential care facilities licensed by the Department of Welfare as a personal care boarding home. The facility offers supervision in personal care matters. It can be a for-profit facility.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		332,132	47,657	579	213,212	70,684
Living alone or in the household of another	...	319,842	42,667	559	205,956	70,660
Living with an essential person	C	41	14	0	27	0
Living with an essential person in the household of another	D	0	0	0	0	0
Domiciliary care facility for adults	G	1,133	252	3	872	6
Personal care boarding home	H	11,116	4,724	17	6,357	18

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

## Rhode Island

NOTE: This information is for 2005. The state did not provide information for 2006. The data in the tables are for 2006 and were provided by the Social Security Administration.

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, title 40, chapter 6, section 27.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** Not provided by state.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living alone	A	660.35	1,012.50	57.35	108.50
Living in the household of another	B	471.94	731.17	69.94	128.50
Adult residential care or assisted living facility	D	1,178.00	...	575.00	...
Medicaid facility	E	50.00	100.00	20.00	40.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**A: Living alone.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement. Includes persons in medical facilities who are residing in a federal Code A living arrangement on the basis of their eligibility under section 1611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act.

**B: Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement.

**D: Adult residential care or assisted living facility.** Includes adult recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement and live in a licensed shelter care facility.

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		29,727	3,864	175	20,182	5,506
Living alone	A	27,696	3,272	155	18,998	5,271
Living in the household of another	B	1,010	209	17	611	173
Adult residential care or assisted living facility	D	659	328	2	326	3
Medicaid facility	E	362	55	1	247	59

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

## ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

### ***Administration***

State Department of Human Services.

### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

**Moving expenses:** Within cost guidelines, moving costs are covered for SSI recipients when the move is determined to be socially desirable and moving services cannot be provided by city, town, or other community resources.

**Catastrophic conditions:** In the event of a catastrophe by fire, flood, lightning, or severe wind, the state will provide shelter, clothing, food, and essential household equipment and furnishings.

**Burial expenses:** The cost of burial expenses can be provided for any person who dies leaving insufficient resources to meet this expense.

**Homemaker services:** Services provided under specified criteria to prevent institutionalization of a recipient who is unable to perform homemaker duties because of an acute or chronic illness.

### ***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.

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## South Carolina

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

No recipients.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Human Services.

**Effective date:** July 1, 2001.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Part 1-B Proviso applicable to the Department of Health and Human Services as included in the state appropriation act each year.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local county eligibility offices of the state Department of Health and Human Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients and other low-income individuals who meet the state's net income exclusion and live in licensed community residential care facilities.

**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 calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Licensed community residential care facility	951.00	...	348.00	...

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

DEFINITION:

**Licensed community residential care facility.** Includes recipients who are ambulatory but are unable, either because of age or physical or mental disabilities, to care for themselves. However, their condition does not require the daily services of a registered or licensed practical nurse. The facility must be licensed by the state Department of Health and Environmental Control; provide care to two or more adults for a period exceeding 24 consecutive hours; and provide accommodation, board, and personal assistance in feeding, dressing, and other essential daily living activities.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
Licensed community residential care facility	2,729	1,158	9	1,562

SOURCE: State information.

## South Dakota

### ***State Supplementation***

#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** State Department of Social Services. State-administered in local offices for assisted living and foster care home arrangements; state-administered in state offices for independent arrangements.

**Effective date:** February 1, 1975.

**Statutory basis for payment:** South Dakota Codified Laws Annotated 28-5A-1.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Department of Social Services for individuals in assisted living facilities or in adult foster care homes. State uses information from the Social Security Administration to identify recipients who are living independently and have no other income.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients who live independently and have no other source of income and to those who live in assisted living facilities or in adult foster care homes and whose net income is below the supplementation levels. Blind and disabled children who meet the income and resource limitations and live in assisted living facilities or adult foster care homes are eligible for optional supplementation.

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

**Income exclusions:** State excludes \$60 of the federal SSI payment to recipients in assisted living facilities or foster care homes.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

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

**Payment calculation method:** For recipients living independently, the state supplementation is added to the federal payment. For recipients residing in assisted living and adult foster care homes, a standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently <sup>a</sup>	618.00	919.00	15.00	15.00
Assisted living facility <sup>b</sup>	1,173.00	c	570.00	c
Adult foster care home <sup>b</sup>	890.00	c	287.00	c

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

- a. Limited to SSI recipients with no other source of income.
- b. Lesser amounts may be paid depending on cost of care in the facility. State provides an income disregard of \$60 per month of the federal SSI payment.
- c. Couples residing in these living arrangements are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently.** Includes all recipients residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement who are eligible for state supplementation and are not included under another state living arrangement.

**Assisted living facility or adult foster care home.** Includes recipients residing in facilities or homes that meet state licensing or certification requirements and provide personal care environments (i.e., one that provides personal care and services in addition to food, shelter, and laundry to recipients who do not need skilled nursing care). Residents in personal care environments must be able to participate and cooperate in performing their normal activities of daily living even though they need some assistance.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	3,639	--	--	--
Living independently	3,418	--	--	--
Assisted living facility	202	--	--	--
Adult foster care home	19	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***Medicaid***

#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

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## Tennessee

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

State does not provide optional supplementation.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

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### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***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.

# Texas

## ***State Supplementation***

### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

No recipients.

### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

**Effective date:** September 1, 1999.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Texas Human Resources Code, section 32.024(V).

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients residing in nursing or intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded and whose countable income is less than \$60.

**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 calculation method:** The state pays a supplement to individuals who reside in Medicaid facilities.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

## ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

## ***Medicaid***

### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

State provides a program for families and children.

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Medicaid facility	60.00	a	30.00	a

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

a. Couples residing in this living arrangement for more than 30 days are treated as two individuals.

DEFINITION:

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
Medicaid facility	13,102	3,371	179	9,552

SOURCE: State information.

# Utah

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** July 1, 1978.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Appropriation Act for the Department of Workforce Services, 1978/1979.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, who are living alone or with others.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living alone or with others	A	603.00	908.60	...	4.60
Living in the household of another	B	405.13	612.40	3.13	9.73

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**A: Living alone or with others.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code A living arrangement.

**B: Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		1,732	399	15	1,099	219
Living alone or with others	A	727	273	6	448	0
Living in the household of another	B	1,005	126	9	651	219

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

***Medicaid***

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***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** State.

***Medically Needy Program***

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

***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

# Vermont

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Vermont Statutes Annotated, title 33, chapter 13, Aid to Aged, Blind, and Disabled.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI-eligible aged, blind, and disabled individuals, including children.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	A and B	655.04	1,002.88	52.04	98.88
Assistive community care, Level III	C	651.38	1,000.77	48.38	96.77
Living in the household of another	E	441.30	650.98	39.30	48.31
Residential care home, Level IV	G	826.94	1,466.06	223.94	562.06
Custodial care family home	H	701.69	1,236.82	98.69	332.82
Medicaid facility	I	47.66	95.33	17.66	35.33

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**A and B: Living independently.** Includes eligible recipients who are not in any other state living arrangement. Includes children who are living with parents, recipients residing in private Title XIX facilities where Medicaid is not paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care, and recipients residing in publicly operated emergency shelters throughout a month.

**C: Assistive community care, Level III.** Includes any individual who resides in a Level III residential care home that is certified by the Department of Aging and Independent Living to provide assistive community care services.

**E: Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement who are not otherwise exempted from state supplementation.

**G: Residential care home, Level IV.** Includes recipients living in Level IV community homes identified by the state.

**H: Custodial care family home.** Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement, live in another's home, pay room and board, and receive one or more custodial services. Custodial care includes providing basic room and board, plus such services as help with feeding, dressing, bathing, moving under normal circumstances, and occasional tray service and supervision for the recipients' protection. To qualify as a home under this arrangement, these services must be provided by a resident of the home and cannot be provided to more than two persons in the home. Custodial care or supervision provided by a spouse is not included under this arrangement.

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		12,815	1,113	73	9,341	2,288
Living independently	A and B	11,345	1,031	58	8,171	2,085
Assistive community care, Level III	C	236	42	3	187	4
Living in the household of another	E	201	11	0	138	52
Residential care home, Level IV	G	125	10	1	111	3
Custodial care family home	H	816	12	11	657	136
Medicaid facility	I	92	7	0	77	8

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

#### ***Administration***

Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families, Economic Services Division.

#### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

Emergency assistance is provided, under certain conditions, for court-ordered evictions, natural disasters (e.g., fire, flood, or hurricane), emergency medical care, funeral costs, and emergency fuel needs.

### ***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 does not obtain this information.

# Virginia

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Social Services.

**Effective date:** July 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Code of Virginia Annotated 63.2 and 800.

#### Funding

**Administration:** 80 percent state funds; 20 percent local funds.

**Assistance:** 80 percent state funds; 20 percent local funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Department of Social Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to every needy aged, blind, and disabled person who lives in an assisted living facility (domiciliary institution) or in an approved adult family care home and who is eligible for SSI benefits or would be eligible except for excess income. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

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

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply. In addition, when applicable, a disregard for income allotted to the support of children or spouse at home is allowed.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, July 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Assisted living facility <sup>a</sup>				
Planning District 8	1,199.00	2,398.00	596.00	1,494.00
All other areas	1,052.00	2,104.00	449.00	1,200.00
Adult foster care <sup>b</sup>				
Planning District 8	1,199.00	2,398.00	596.00	1,494.00
All other areas	1,052.00	2,104.00	449.00	1,200.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: Planning District 8 includes the counties of Arlington, Loudon, Prince William, Fairfax, and the city of Alexandria.

a. Represents the maximum allowance; lower amounts may be paid depending on the cost of the facility. Includes a personal needs allowance of \$62 and a 15 percent differential in Planning District 8.

b. Administered in localities whose local boards have opted to provide this service; includes a personal needs allowance of \$70.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**Assisted living facility.** Must be licensed. Four or more persons receive care.

**Adult foster care.** A foster care arrangement with no more than three persons but usually only one person. No license required, but approval by local department of social services is required.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	6,275	--	--	--
Assisted living facility	--	--	--	--
Adult foster care	--	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***Medicaid***

#### ***Eligibility***

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** State.

### ***Medically Needy Program***

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

### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

## Washington

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Assistance for Special Needs

#### State Supplementation

##### **Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

**Administration:** State administration.

##### **Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Social and Health Services.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** State law in Revised Code of Washington 74.04.600-74.04.630 and state policy in Washington Administrative Code 388-474.

##### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all needy aged and blind persons with an ineligible spouse, including children.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** The state supplementation is added to the federal payment.

##### **Administration**

State Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration, Division of Employment and Assistance Programs.

##### **Special Needs Circumstances**

**Guide dog:** Food for service animal at the rate of \$33.66 per month.

##### **Other utility charges**

*Telephone:* Amount varies according to need and location.

*Laundry:* \$11.13 per month.

##### **Meals**

*Restaurant meals:* \$187.09 per month; \$6.04 per day.

*Home-delivered meals:* The amount charged by the agency delivering the service.

### 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 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently <sup>a</sup>	649.00	996.00	46.00	92.00
Living with an ineligible spouse <sup>b</sup>	649.00	...	46.00	...
Living in the household of another	448.00	694.67	46.00	92.00
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	448.00	...	46.00	...
Medicaid facility	51.62	103.24	21.62	43.24

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. Includes persons in congregate care group facilities.  
b. Applies only to cases converted from former state assistance programs.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently.** Applies to recipients residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement unless they are living with an ineligible spouse or temporarily residing in a medical institution.

**Living with an ineligible spouse.** Applies to recipients who are living independently with a spouse who does not qualify for SSI payments.

**Living in the household of another.** Applies to recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement unless they are living with an ineligible spouse or temporarily residing in a medical institution.

**Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement who have an ineligible spouse.

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

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	<sup>a</sup> 30,039	24,931	770	4,269
Living independently	--	--	--	0
Living with an ineligible spouse	--	--	--	4,269
Living in the household of another	--	--	--	0
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	--	--	--	0
Medicaid facility	--	--	--	0

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

- a. Includes 69 recipients converted from former state program.

## West Virginia

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

State does not provide mandatory minimum supplementation.

#### Optional State Supplementation

State does not provide optional supplementation.

### State Assistance for Special Needs

#### Administration

State Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Children and Families and Bureau of Senior Services.

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

#### Special Needs Circumstances

**Adult family care home:** A monthly payment of \$814.00 is provided on behalf of every aged or disabled person living in a personal care home who has been approved for SSI and persons who are not eligible for SSI but are eligible for a state supplement.

**Licensed personal care home:** A monthly payment of \$1,056.50 is provided on behalf of every aged or disabled person living in a personal care home who has been approved for SSI or is income eligible.

**Residential board and care:** A monthly payment of \$1,056.50 is provided on behalf of every aged or disabled person living in a residential board and care home who has been approved for SSI or is income eligible.

**Personal care services:** Aged, blind, and disabled persons must be income-eligible recipients of SSI and have a physician certify that they need these services. The purpose of these services is to enable persons to stay in their current living situation. Personal services are provided through the county senior centers. The senior centers employ the personal care providers and pay them directly.

**Emergency financial assistance:** Amounts vary with need but cannot exceed various maximums. Provided on behalf of eligible persons who have emergency needs for the items covered by the program, such as utilities, shelter, food, clothing, etc. Payments may be made to individuals or families to cover an emergency for up to 30 consecutive days in any 12-month period.

**Burial expenses:** Up to \$1,250 is provided for burial expenses for persons who do not possess sufficient resources to pay for burial expenses. A contribution of up to \$1,200 toward burial expenses from any source is excluded from consideration as a resource in determining the assistance amount for burial expenses.

### 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.

## Wisconsin

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** No recipients.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Disability and Elder Services.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Wisconsin Statutes 49.77 and 49.775.

#### Funding

**Administration:** State funds.

**Assistance:** State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all eligible persons, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements. Residents of emergency shelters or patients in medical facilities where Medicaid pays more than 50 percent of the cost of care are not eligible for supplementation.

**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 participates.

**Payment calculation method:** Recipients residing in the specified living arrangements are paid an established state supplement based on eligibility for a federal SSI benefit of at least \$1.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	686.78	1,036.05	83.78	132.05
Living in the household of another	485.78	734.72	83.78	132.05
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	733.43	...	130.43	...
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	537.05	...	135.05	...
Private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting	782.77	1,381.41	179.77	477.41

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTES: A caretaker supplement is provided to SSI recipients with children: \$250 for first child; \$150 for each additional child.

... = not applicable.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**Living independently.** Includes recipients living in their own households, in private medical treatment facilities where Medicaid pays 50 percent or less of the cost of their care, or in nonmedical institutions. Also includes persons in medical facilities who are classified in a federal Code A living arrangement under section 1611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act.

**Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement.

**Living independently with an ineligible spouse.** Includes recipients living in their own household with an ineligible spouse.

**Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement who have an ineligible spouse.

**Private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting.** Restricted to recipients who require a supportive living arrangement and reside in private nonmedical group homes or in a natural residential setting with support. Eligibility is based on certification, on an individual basis, by the state.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	97,474	9,529	995	63,901	23,049
Living independently	65,447	6,452	553	38,390	20,052
Living in the household of another	4,883	317	83	3,630	853
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	6,225	886	57	5,278	4
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	73	16	0	57	0
Private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting	20,846	1,858	302	16,546	2,140

SOURCE: State information.

## ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

### ***Administration***

State Department of Health and Family Services,  
Division of Disability and Elder Services.

### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

State administers special needs supplementary payments to cover care in nonmedical facilities and natural residential settings. Recipients with dependent children are eligible for a higher level of supplementation.

## ***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 does not obtain this information.

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## Wyoming

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** State Department of Family Services, Economic Assistance.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** State Department of Family Services, Economic Assistance.

**Effective date:** July 1, 1977.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Wyoming Statutes 42-2-103.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** No application required. State uses computerized information from the Social Security Administration to identify eligible recipients.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled persons who receive SSI as the sole source of their income and live independently or in the household of another. Blind and disabled children may be eligible for supplementation.

**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 calculation method:** A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	613.44	930.48	10.44	26.48
Living in the household of another	415.24	635.02	13.24	32.35

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

DEFINITIONS:

**Living independently.** Includes only SSI recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement and have no federal countable

**Living in the household of another.** Includes only SSI recipients who reside in a federal Code B living arrangement and have no federal countable income.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	2,763	--	--	--	--
Living independently	--	--	--	--	--
Living in the household of another	--	--	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.