

## 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, residing in the specified living arrangements (see Table 1).

**Resource limitations:** Same as federal.

**Income exclusions:** Same as federal.

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

**Responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse.

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

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

**Number of recipients:** In January 2002, 672 people received optional state supplementation. Of those, 265 were aged, 10 were blind, and 397 were disabled. These data include certain grandfathered aged, blind, and disabled persons, who would receive SSI except for income.

### ***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 (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	605.00	937.00	60.00	120.00
Level of independence B	601.00	929.00	56.00	112.00
Receiving IHC and support and maintenance in a private home or personal care home				
Level of independence A	423.34	664.67	60.00	120.00
Level of independence B	419.34	656.67	56.00	112.00
Receiving specialized IHC in a private home or personal care home	605.00	937.00	60.00	120.00
Receiving specialized IHC and support and maintenance in a private home or personal care home	423.34	664.67	60.00	120.00
Foster home with IHC or specialized IHC <sup>a</sup>	655.00	1,037.00	110.00	220.00
Cerebral palsy treatment center (disabled)	741.00	1,209.00	196.00	392.00

NOTES: IHC = independent home-life care.

A licensed physician must recommend 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.

a. Foster homes must be licensed or approved by the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

**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.