

New Hampshire

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Assistance (state-administered).

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Local offices of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Assistance (state-administered).

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 residing in the specified living arrangements (see Table 1). Persons living in the household of another receive the same state supplement as those living independently. Blind children are eligible for optional supplementation. Disabled children are eligible for optional supplementation only if they are aged 18 or older.

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 limits.

Income exclusions

Standard disregards 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 |
| Residential care facility for adults | 13.00 | . . . |
| Community residence | 13.00 | . . . |
| Enhanced family care facility | 13.00 | . . . |

Earned income exclusions

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

Additional amounts may be disregarded if an approved plan exists for achieving self-support within a 12-month period.

Other disregards: 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.

For adults being considered for nursing home care, SSI payments are disregarded in the determination of financial eligibility.

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.

Responsibility of relatives: Spouse for spouse; parent for child under age 18.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels (in dollars)

| Living arrangement | Combined federal and state | | State supplementation | |
|---|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------|
| | Individual | Couple | Individual | Couple |
| Living independently or in the household of another | 572.00 | 838.00 | 27.00 | 21.00 |
| Living with an essential person ^a | ... | 1,103.00 | ... | 13.00 |
| Residential care facility for adults | 752.00 | b | 207.00 | b |
| Enhanced family care facility | 752.00 | b | 207.00 | b |
| Community residence | | | | |
| Nonsubsidized | 694.00 | ... | 149.00 | ... |
| Subsidized | 634.00 | ... | 89.00 | ... |
| Living in a Medicaid facility | 50.00 | ... | 20.00 | ... |

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 Developmental Services.

Living in a Medicaid facility. 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.

State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

Medically Needy Program

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

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: State guidelines.

Determined by: State.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2002

| Living arrangement | Total | Aged | Blind ^a | Disabled |
|---|-------|-------|--------------------|----------|
| All recipients | 6,780 | 1,439 | 270 | 5,071 |
| Living independently or in the household of another | 5,540 | 1,181 | 220 | 4,139 |
| Living with an essential person | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Residential care facility for adults | 173 | 119 | 4 | 50 |
| Enhanced family care facility | 676 | 104 | 31 | 541 |
| Community residence | | | | |
| Nonsubsidized | 29 | 3 | 0 | 26 |
| Subsidized | 352 | 30 | 13 | 309 |
| Living in a Medicaid facility | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

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

. . . = not applicable.

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