

# Missouri

**Place of application:** 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;
- Does not reside in a Medicaid facility;
- Does reside in a licensed residential care facility or a licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home; 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.

**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. Disregards for the blind include the first \$65 plus one-half of the remainder of earned income.

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

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

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** Department of Social Services; Division of Family Services.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** 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.

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

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Licensed residential care facility, Level I	701.00	1,129.00	156.00	312.00
Licensed residential care facility, Level II	837.00	1,401.00	292.00	584.00
Licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home <sup>a</sup>	935.00	1,597.00	390.00	780.00
Aid to the blind	...	...	<sup>b</sup> 423.00	<sup>b</sup> 846.00

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

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. Only recipients who receive less than \$545 monthly in SSI payments and less than \$817 monthly from other sources qualify for this supplement. The state supplement is reduced dollar-for-dollar by the SSI payment.

**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.** Residents must meet state income and resource guidelines. Custodial and medical care are provided.

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

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	8,486	2,940	859	4,687
Licensed residential care facility, Level I	2,017	723	0	1,294
Licensed residential care facility, Level II	5,296	1,993	1	3,302
Licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home	315	224	0	91
Aid to the blind	858	0	858	0

### ***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.