

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 all 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 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
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 excluded if an approved plan exists for achieving self-support within a 12-month period.

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.

For adults being considered for nursing home care, SSI payments are excluded 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.

Financial 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, January 2004 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently or in the household of another	591.00	887.00	27.00	41.00
Living with an essential person ^a	...	1,141.00	...	13.00
Residential care facility for adults	771.00	b	207.00	b
Enhanced family care facility	771.00	b	207.00	b
Community residence				
Nonsubsidized	713.00	...	149.00	...
Subsidized	653.00	...	89.00	...
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.

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

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

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind ^a	Disabled
All recipients	7,107	1,361	237	5,509
Living independently or in the household of another	5,913	1,122	191	4,600
Living with an essential person	8	1	0	7
Residential care facility for adults	140	86	2	52
Enhanced family care facility	674	108	33	533
Community residence				
Nonsubsidized	33	6	0	27
Subsidized	334	36	11	287
Medicaid facility	5	2	0	3

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.