

Alaska

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.

State Supplementation

Mandatory State Supplementation

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

Optional State Supplementation

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

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2005 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	941.00	1,397.00	362.00	528.00
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	1,100.00	...	521.00	...
Living in the household of another	754.00	1,122.34	368.00	543.00
Assisted living home	679.00	1,069.00	100.00	200.00
Assisted living home with an ineligible spouse	679.00	...	100.00	...
Medicaid facility	75.00	150.00	45.00	90.00

NOTES: Beginning July 1, 2004, the state established a new living arrangement for persons residing in assisted living homes.
... = 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 2005

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	14,993	4,983	72	9,938
Living independently	13,657	4,613	68	8,976
Living in the household of another	464	123	0	341
Assisted living home	794	219	4	571
Medicaid facility	78	28	0	50

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

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 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.