

Louisiana

State Supplementation

Minimum State Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing.

Effective date: March 1, 1982

Statutory basis for payment: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 133, 1980.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Local offices of the state Bureau of Health Services Financing and contractors.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled persons, including children, who reside in a nonpsychiatric Medicaid long-term care facility.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Assistance for Special Needs

State provides assistance for special needs only to recipients who were determined eligible on or before December 1975.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

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

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

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

| Living arrangement | Combined federal and state | | State supplementation | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| | Individual | Couple | Individual | Couple |
| Medicaid facility | 38.00 | 76.00 | 8.00 | 16.00 |

DEFINITION:

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

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2005

| Living arrangement | Total | Aged | Blind | Disabled |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Medicaid facility | 4,713 | 1,410 | 54 | 3,249 |