

District of Columbia

Place of application: District of Columbia Department of Human Services, individual service providers for adult foster care home eligibility; Social Security Administration field offices for payment eligibility.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to persons residing in adult foster care homes who are eligible for SSI payments or would be eligible except for income. No statutory minimum age requirements for receiving adult foster care supplementation, but children receive assistance through child welfare services provisions.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: Only in cases in which liens were assigned prior to the establishment of the SSI program.

Financial responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: District participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration and District of Columbia Department of Human Services, Income Maintenance Administration.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: District of Columbia Laws 2-35, as amended, and 3-23.

Funding

Administration: District of Columbia funds.

Assistance: District of Columbia funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Table 1.

Optional state supplementation payment levels, January and December 2004 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
January 2004					
Adult foster care home (50 beds or less)	A	871.00	1,742.00	307.00	896.00
Adult foster care home (over 50 beds)	B	981.00	1,962.00	417.00	1,116.00
Medicaid facility	G	70.00	140.00	40.00	80.00
December 2004					
Adult foster care home (50 beds or less)	A	931.00	1,862.00	367.00	1,016.00
Adult foster care home (over 50 beds)	B	1,041.00	2,082.00	477.00	1,236.00
Medicaid facility	G	70.00	140.00	40.00	80.00

NOTE: Optional state supplementation payment levels effective December 2004, retroactive from January 2004.

DEFINITIONS:

A and B: Adult foster care home. Includes recipients who are certified by the District of Columbia Department of Health or the Commission on Mental Health Services as residents of an adult foster care home.

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

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

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		1,690	200	20	1,390	^a 80
Adult foster care home (50 beds or less)	A	680	100	0	580	0
Adult foster care home (over 50 beds)	B	30	0	10	20	0
Medicaid facility	G	980	100	10	790	80

a. Benefits received under the child welfare services program.

State Assistance for Special Needs

District does not provide assistance for special needs.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

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

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.