

Missouri

Place of application: State 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;
- Resides in a licensed residential care facility or a licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home that is not a Medicaid facility; 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. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

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.

Financial responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

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

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State 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, January 2005 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Licensed residential care facility, Level I	735.00	1,181.00	156.00	312.00
Licensed residential care facility, Level II	871.00	1,453.00	292.00	584.00
Licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home ^a	969.00	1,649.00	390.00	780.00
Aid to the blind	1,058.00	1,827.00	^b 479.00	^b 958.00

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 \$479 monthly in SSI payments and less than \$625 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. Custodial and medical care are provided.

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

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	8,572	2,745	876	4,951
Licensed residential care facility, Level I	1,906	602	...	1,304
Licensed residential care facility, Level II	5,566	1,984	...	3,582
Licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home	224	159	...	65
Aid to the blind	876	...	876	...

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

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.