

Colorado

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Human Services.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Human Services.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Colorado Revised Statutes 26-2, section 202-209, 1973, as amended.

Funding

Administration: 80 percent state funds, 20 percent local funds.

Assistance: 100 percent state funds for the aged; 80 percent state funds, 20 percent local funds for the blind and disabled.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: County offices of the state Department of Human Services.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements. Persons living in the household of another are included under the living independently standard; state supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment. At age 65, a disabled recipient may elect to transfer to the aged category or remain in the disabled category.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: Spouse for spouse.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment calculation method: A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

Table 1.

Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2007 (in dollars)

| Living arrangement | Combined federal and state | | State supplementation | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | Individual | Couple | Individual | Couple |
| Living independently or in the household of another ^a | 648.00 | 1,296.00 | 25.00 | 362.00 |
| Adult foster care | 918.00 | ^b 1,836.00 | 295.00 | ^b 902.00 |
| Receiving home care ^c | 1,087.15 | ... | 464.15 | ... |

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- State supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment for persons living in the home of another.
- Couples are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.
- Represents maximum allowance. Lesser amounts may be paid according to the amount of home care needed.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently or in the household of another. Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code A or B living arrangement, meet the state eligibility requirements, and do not qualify for other state arrangements.

Adult foster care. Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement and are residing in an approved supervised living facility known as an adult foster home.

Receiving home care. Includes recipients who receive care in their own home from qualified personnel and who would otherwise be in a nursing home if this care were unavailable.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2007

| Living arrangement | Total | Aged | Blind | Disabled | |
|--|--------|--------|-------|----------|----------|
| | | | | Adults | Children |
| All recipients | 15,495 | 12,980 | 0 | 2,515 | 0 |
| Living independently or in the household of another | 12,746 | 11,722 | 0 | 1,024 | 0 |
| Adult foster care | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Receiving home care | 2,741 | 1,255 | 0 | 1,486 | 0 |

SOURCE: State information.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

Colorado Department of Social Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

Funeral expenses: If cost of funeral home or cemetery does not exceed \$2,500, the benefit maximum is \$1,500. If cost exceeds \$2,500, no assistance is provided.

Other: County social services boards may choose to provide optional supplementation for other special needs circumstances.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

Montana

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Effective date: July 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Montana Code Annotated 52-1-104.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Developmental Disabilities and Adult Protective Services District Offices, Child and Family Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services, and other designated contracting agencies.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all persons residing in specified living arrangements.

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 participates.

Payment calculation method: The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

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: 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 does not obtain this information.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2007 (in dollars)

| Living arrangement | State code | Combined federal and state | | State supplementation | |
|---|------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------|
| | | Individual | Couple | Individual | Couple |
| Assisted living facility | G | 717.00 | 1,127.00 | 94.00 | 193.00 |
| Group home for the mentally ill or disabled | H | 717.00 | 1,127.00 | 94.00 | 193.00 |
| Community home for the physically or developmentally disabled | I | 717.00 | 1,127.00 | 94.00 | 193.00 |
| Child and adult foster care home | J | 675.75 | 1,044.50 | 52.75 | 110.50 |
| Transitional living services for the developmentally disabled | K | 649.00 | 991.00 | 26.00 | 57.00 |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: Up to \$100 may be retained per month as a personal needs allowance, depending on the facility.

DEFINITIONS:

G: Assisted living facility. A facility that provides 24-hour personal care services to five or more persons who do not need skilled nursing care. Personal care services include help with eating, walking, dressing, bathing, etc., as well as supervision, local transportation, and protective oversight. These facilities must be licensed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services. Residents must:

- Be 18 years of age or older,
- Be ambulatory,
- Not be incontinent, and
- Not need chemical or physical restraints.

H: Group home for the mentally ill or disabled. Provides residential services to mentally ill persons in the community. Must have current license from the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

I: Community home for the physically or developmentally disabled. Homes for the developmentally disabled provide a family-type residence and related residential services to persons with developmental disabilities. Children can be residents of these homes. Homes for the severely disabled provide a home-like residence for two to eight severely disabled persons. Persons with a primary diagnosis of mental illness are not included in the latter homes. These homes must be licensed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

J: Child and adult foster care home. A children's foster home is a licensed home that provides care to a child. An adult foster home is a home licensed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services that provides personal and custodial care to disabled adults or aged persons.

K: Transitional living services for the developmentally disabled. This program provides an intermediate step between the group home and independent living. It consists of persons living in congregate apartments with some staff supervision. Staff provide assistance in such areas of daily living as cooking, shopping, and cleaning.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2007

| Living arrangement | State code | Total | Aged | Blind | Disabled | |
|---|------------|------------------|------|-------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | Adults | Children |
| All recipients | | ^a 959 | 21 | 10 | 633 | 291 |
| Assisted living facility | G | 87 | 14 | 0 | 68 | 5 |
| Group home for the mentally ill or disabled | H | 104 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 62 |
| Community home for the physically or developmentally disabled | I | 550 | 5 | 9 | 429 | 107 |
| Child and adult foster care home | J | 177 | 2 | 1 | 58 | 116 |
| Transitional living services for the developmentally disabled | K | 37 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 1 |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

a. Includes 4 recipients whose living arrangement was not properly coded.

North Dakota

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State does not provide optional supplementation.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

County social service boards.

Special Needs Circumstances

At option of individual counties.

Homemaker and housekeeper services: Services available to recipients aged 60 or older or to disabled individuals.

Licensed adult foster home: When costs of care exceed total of SSI and state supplementary payments, the state will pay the difference up to the established maximum rate.

Personal care and home help: Services available to recipients living independently who require help with personal care and household activities.

Burial expenses: Payment of funeral and burial expenses for SSI recipients will not exceed \$1,100. Social Security Administration imposes limits for funeral and burial expenses.

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.

South Dakota

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Social Services. State-administered in local offices for assisted living and foster care home arrangements; state-administered in state offices for independent arrangements.

Effective date: February 1, 1975.

Statutory basis for payment: South Dakota Codified Laws Annotated 28-5A-1.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Local offices of the state Department of Social Services for individuals in assisted living facilities or in adult foster care homes. State uses information from the Social Security Administration to identify recipients who are living independently and have no other income.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients who live independently and have no other source of income and to those who live in assisted living facilities or in adult foster care homes and whose net income is below the supplementation levels. Blind and disabled children who meet the income and resource limitations and live in assisted living facilities or adult foster care homes are eligible for optional supplementation.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: State excludes \$60 of the federal SSI payment to recipients in assisted living facilities or foster care homes.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

Payment calculation method: For recipients living independently, the state supplementation is added to the federal payment. For recipients residing in assisted living and adult foster care homes, a standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2007 (in dollars)

| Living arrangement | Combined federal and state | | State supplementation | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| | Individual | Couple | Individual | Couple |
| Living independently ^a | 638.00 | 949.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Assisted living facility ^b | 1,212.00 | c | 589.00 | c |
| Adult foster care home ^b | 919.00 | c | 296.00 | c |

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

- a. Limited to SSI recipients with no other source of income.
- b. Lesser amounts may be paid depending on cost of care in the facility. State provides an income disregard of \$60 per month of the federal SSI payment.
- c. Couples residing in these living arrangements are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently. Includes all recipients residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement who are eligible for state supplementation and are not included under another state living arrangement.

Assisted living facility or adult foster care home. Includes recipients residing in facilities or homes that meet state licensing or certification requirements and provide personal care environments (i.e., one that provides personal care and services in addition to food, shelter, and laundry to recipients who do not need skilled nursing care). Residents in personal care environments must be able to participate and cooperate in performing their normal activities of daily living even though they need some assistance.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2007

| Living arrangement | Total | Aged | Blind | Disabled |
|--------------------------|-------|------|-------|----------|
| All recipients | 3,748 | -- | -- | -- |
| Living independently | 3,539 | -- | -- | -- |
| Assisted living facility | 192 | -- | -- | -- |
| Adult foster care home | 17 | -- | -- | -- |

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

Utah

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Effective date: July 1, 1978.

Statutory basis for payment: Appropriation Act for the Department of Workforce Services, 1978/1979.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Social Security Administration field offices.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, who are living alone or with others.

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 participates.

Payment calculation method: A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2007 (in dollars)

| Living arrangement | State code | Combined federal and state | | State supplementation | |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| | | Individual | Couple | Individual | Couple |
| Living alone or with others | A | 623.00 | 938.60 | ... | 4.60 |
| Living in the household of another | B | 418.47 | 632.40 | 3.13 | 9.73 |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

DEFINITIONS:

A: Living alone or with others. Includes recipients residing in a federal Code A living arrangement.

B: Living in the household of another. Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2007

| Living arrangement | State code | Total | Aged | Blind | Disabled | |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|------|-------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | Adults | Children |
| All recipients | | 1,868 | 429 | 15 | 1,182 | 242 |
| Living alone or with others | A | 743 | 283 | 5 | 455 | 0 |
| Living in the household of another | B | 1,125 | 146 | 10 | 727 | 242 |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

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

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

Wyoming

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Family Services, Economic Assistance.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Family Services, Economic Assistance.

Effective date: July 1, 1977.

Statutory basis for payment: Wyoming Statutes 42-2-103.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: No application required. State uses computerized information from the Social Security Administration to identify eligible recipients.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled persons who receive SSI as the sole source of their income and live independently or in the household of another. Blind and disabled children may be eligible for supplementation.

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 calculation method: A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Assistance for Special Needs

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Medicaid

Eligibility

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Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

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Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2007 (in dollars)

| Living arrangement | Combined federal and state | | State supplementation | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| | Individual | Couple | Individual | Couple |
| Living independently | 648.00 | 989.60 | 25.00 | 55.60 |
| Living in the household of another | 443.14 | 683.81 | 27.80 | 61.14 |

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently. Includes only SSI recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement and have no federal countable

Living in the household of another. Includes only SSI recipients who reside in a federal Code B living arrangement and have no federal countable income.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2007

| Living arrangement | Total | Aged | Blind | Disabled | |
|------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|----------|----------|
| | | | | Adults | Children |
| All recipients | 2,750 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Living independently | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Living in the household of another | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.