
Washington

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Social and Health Services.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: State law in Revised Code of Washington 74.04.600-74.04.630 and state policy in Washington Administrative Code 388-474.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: Social Security Administration field offices.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all needy aged and blind persons with an ineligible spouse, including children.

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.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

State Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration, Division of Employment and Assistance Programs.

Special Needs Circumstances

Guide dog: Food for service animal at the rate of \$33.66 per month.

Other utility charges

Telephone: Amount varies according to need and location.

Laundry: \$11.13 per month.

Meals

Restaurant meals: \$187.09 per month; \$6.04 per day.

Home-delivered meals: The amount charged by the agency delivering the service.

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 2007 (in dollars)

| Living arrangement | Combined federal and state | | State supplementation | |
|--|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------|
| | Individual | Couple | Individual | Couple |
| Living independently ^a | 669.00 | 1,026.00 | 46.00 | 92.00 |
| Living with an ineligible spouse ^b | 669.00 | ... | 46.00 | ... |
| Living in the household of another | 461.34 | 714.67 | 46.00 | 92.00 |
| Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse | 461.34 | ... | 46.00 | ... |
| Medicaid facility | 53.68 | 107.36 | 23.68 | 47.36 |

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Includes persons in congregate care group facilities.

b. Applies only to cases converted from former state assistance programs.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently. Applies to recipients residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement unless they are living with an ineligible spouse or temporarily residing in a medical institution.

Living with an ineligible spouse. Applies to recipients who are living independently with a spouse who does not qualify for SSI payments.

Living in the household of another. Applies to recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement unless they are living with an ineligible spouse or temporarily residing in a medical institution.

Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse. Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement who have an ineligible spouse.

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

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

| Living arrangement | Total | Aged | Blind | Disabled |
|--|---------------------|--------|-------|----------|
| All recipients | ^a 30,705 | 25,799 | 751 | 4,100 |
| Living independently | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| Living with an ineligible spouse | -- | -- | -- | 4,100 |
| Living in the household of another | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse | -- | -- | -- | 0 |
| Medicaid facility | -- | -- | -- | 0 |

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

a. Includes 55 recipients converted from former state program.