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## Louisiana

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### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Minimum State Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** 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 Bureau of Health Services Financing and contractors.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to aged, blind, and disabled persons, including children, who reside in a nonpsychiatric Medicaid long-term care facility and whose countable income is less than \$38.

**Resource limitations:** Same as federal.

**Income exclusions:** Same as federal.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** None.

**Responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State does not participate.

**Payment levels:** Combined federal and state supplementation for persons in Medicaid facilities is \$38 for individuals and \$76 for couples. State supplementation is \$8 for individuals and \$16 for couples.

**Number of recipients:** In January 2002, 5,121 people received optional state supplementation. Of those, 1,775 were aged, 56 were blind, and 3,290 were disabled.

### ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***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.