
Maine

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Health and Human Services.

Optional State Supplementation

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Effective date: July 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Maine Revised Statutes, title 22, subtitle 3, part 1-A, chapter 855-A.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Local offices of the state Department of Health and Human Services.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipients, including children. In addition, a small number of persons not eligible for SSI are eligible for a state supplement.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI regulations apply for all living arrangements. In addition, for those living alone, with others, or in the household of another, the state disregards an additional \$55 for individuals and \$80 for couples.

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. 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.

Total expenditures: The state reported expenditures of \$5,327,002.23 for calendar year 2008 in state-administered payments to SSI recipients.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

State Department of Health and Human Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

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

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 state Department of Health and Human Services obtains this information.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2009 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living alone or with others	684.00	1,026.00	10.00	15.00
Living in the household of another	457.34	686.00	8.00	12.00
Foster home	723.00	1,284.00	49.00	273.00
Flat-rate boarding home	891.00	1,601.00	217.00	590.00
Cost-reimbursement boarding home	908.00	1,647.00	234.00	636.00
Medicaid facility	40.00	80.00	10.00	20.00

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

DEFINITIONS:

Living alone or with others. Includes the following types of recipients:

- Individual living in his or her own household with no other person except an ineligible spouse;
- Couples living in their own household;
- Persons in a medical facility where Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care;
- Person in an institution (excluding inmates of public institutions) on the basis of their eligibility under section 1611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act for all or part of a month provided that Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care;
- Persons in a private-pay facility or private-pay portion of a licensed boarding home; or
- Individuals or couples living with other persons but not considered to be living in the household of another.

Living in the household of another. Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in a household other than their own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not their child, their spouse, or an ineligible person whose income is deemed to them; and
- Receive food and shelter from within that household.

Foster home. Includes recipients residing in an adult foster home.

Flat-rate boarding home. Includes recipients residing in a boarding home that is licensed by and has a provider agreement with the state for reimbursement at a flat rate.

Cost-reimbursement boarding home. Includes recipients residing in a boarding home that is licensed by and has a provider agreement with the state for reimbursement based on cost.

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

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2009

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	42,313	--	--	--
Living alone or with others	40,649	--	--	--
Living in the household of another	298	--	--	--
Foster home	255	--	--	--
Flat-rate boarding home	14	--	--	--
Cost-reimbursement boarding home	1,097	--	--	--
Medicaid facility	--	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.