

## New Jersey

### State Supplementation

#### **Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### **Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** New Jersey Statutes Annotated, 44:7-86.

#### **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 aged, blind, and disabled recipients, including children, except those in publicly operated community residences or facilities where Medicaid pays less than 50 percent of the cost of care. Supplementation provided to recipients in approved residential facilities.

**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:** Not provided by state.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

**Number of recipients:** See Table 2.

**Total expenditures:** The Social Security Administration reported expenditures of \$92,315,825 for calendar year 2010 in federally administered payments to SSI recipients.

### State Assistance for Special Needs

#### **Administration**

State Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development.

#### **Special Needs Circumstances**

Emergency assistance for catastrophic events and burial and funeral payments. Eligibility for payments based on meeting requirements for mandatory minimum or optional state supplementary payments.

### 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 2011 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Congregate care facility <sup>a</sup>	A	824.05	1,629.36	150.05	618.36
Living alone or with others	B	705.25	1,036.36	31.25	25.36
Living alone with an ineligible spouse	C	827.00	...	153.00	...
Living with an essential person	C	1,037.36	...	25.36	...
Living in the household of another	D	493.65	767.09	44.31	93.09
Medicaid facility	G	40.00	80.00	10.00	20.00
Residential health care facility <sup>b</sup>	I	884.05	1,749.36	210.05	738.36

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. State supplement includes a \$100 personal needs allowance per person residing in a boarding home.

b. State supplement includes a \$110.50 personal needs allowance per person residing in a residential health care facility.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**A: Congregate care facility.** Includes recipients in:

- Residential health care facilities who are under the supervision of the Department of Human Services,
- Residential facilities for children and adults under the supervision of or placement by the Division of Developmental Disabilities or the Division of Youth and Family Services and supervised or placed by the Department of Human Services, and
- Assisted living residences and in comprehensive personal care homes licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

**B: Living alone or with others.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement who do not meet the definitions of other state living arrangements. Includes persons in:

- The Transitional Residency Program when their placement is through the Division of Mental Health and Hospitals, Department of Human Services;
- Room and board facilities licensed by the Department of Community Affairs; and
- Persons in medical facilities who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement on the basis of their eligibility under section 1611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act.

**C: Living alone or with an ineligible spouse.**

- Applies to recipients who live only with their ineligible spouse or their ineligible spouse and foster children.
- Uses federal criteria. Recipient currently has an essential person living in the household and in December 1973 was receiving assistance under an approved state plan that covered the needs of an essential person.

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

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

**I: Residential health care facility.** Includes facilities that have been approved by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and are either free-standing or attached to a nursing home, an assisted living residence, or a comprehensive personal care home approved by DCA.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2011**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		166,130	33,495	731	96,535	35,369
Congregate care facility	A	4,676	430	28	3,493	725
Living alone or with others	B	130,217	22,274	558	76,294	31,091
Living alone with an ineligible spouse or essential person	C	4,914	2,503	17	2,393	1
Living in the household of another	D	20,703	7,306	102	10,393	2,902
Medicaid facility	G	4,126	900	22	2,565	639
Residential health care facility	I	1,494	82	4	1,397	11

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