

Wisconsin

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: Social Security Administration field offices.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all eligible persons, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements (see Table 1). Residents of emergency shelters or patients in medical facilities where Medicaid pays more than 50 percent of the cost of care are not 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 participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: No recipients.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Health and Family Services and Division of Disability and Elder Services.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Wisconsin Statutes 49.77 and 49.775.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2005 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	662.78	1,001.05	83.78	132.05
Living in the household of another	469.78	711.39	83.78	132.05
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	709.43	...	130.43	...
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	521.05	...	135.05	...
Private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting	758.77	1,346.41	179.77	477.41

NOTES: A caretaker supplement is provided to SSI recipients with children: \$250 for first child; \$150 for each additional child.

... = not applicable.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently. Includes recipients living in their own households, in private medical treatment facilities and receiving 50 percent or less of the cost of their care from Medicaid, or in nonmedical institutions. Also includes persons in medical facilities who are classified in a federal Code A living arrangement under section 1611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act.

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

Living independently with an ineligible spouse. Includes recipients living in their own household with an ineligible spouse.

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.

Private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting. Restricted to recipients who require a supportive living arrangement and reside in private nonmedical group homes or in a natural residential setting with support. Eligibility is based on certification, on an individual basis, by the state.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2005

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	98,934	9,931	1,012	66,131	21,860
Living independently	64,585	6,836	556	38,152	19,041
Living in the household of another	4,588	324	90	3,384	790
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	6,147	841	62	5,240	4
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	70	13	0	57	0
Private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting	23,544	1,917	304	19,298	2,025

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

State Department of Health and Family Services,
 Division of Disability and Elder Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

State administers special needs supplementary payments to cover care in nonmedical facilities and natural residential settings. Recipients with dependent children are eligible for a higher level of supplementation.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines.

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.