

Arizona

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Department of Economic Security; Aging Adult Administration and Family Assistance Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

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Effective date: May 9, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Arizona Revised Statutes 46:252.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Area Agencies on Aging, Catholic Social Services, other designated contracting agencies, and local offices of state Department of Economic Security. County Health Department Long-Term Care Unit and city Human Resources Departments arrange home interviews (if needed) or refer to appropriate agencies.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to SSI recipients, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements (see Table 1) as well as to needy persons not eligible for SSI. Nursing home supplements are provided only to aged persons. Funds from public or private nonprofit organizations are used to defray the cost of nursing home care.

Resource limitations: Same as federal.

Income exclusions: Same as federal.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: In January 2002, 677 people received optional state supplementation.

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

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Requires housekeeping services ^a	615.00	887.00	70.00	70.00
Licensed supervisory care home, adult foster care home, or 24-hour treatment facility	595.00	917.00	50.00	100.00
Licensed private nursing home (aged)	625.00	977.00	80.00	160.00

a. Services may be provided in lieu of cash grants. Services and cash benefits are the same for individuals and couples.

DEFINITIONS:

Requires housekeeping services. A determination that the person is functionally impaired in sufficient degree as to require help with housekeeping, laundry, essential shopping, errands, and meal preparation.

Licensed supervisory care home. Provides accommodations, board, and general supervision including assistance in the self-administration of prescribed medication.

24-hour treatment facility. Residential care facilities, licensed by the state Department of Health Services, that provide 24-hour treatment to the chronically mentally ill.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

Department of Economic Security.

Special Needs Circumstances

Visiting nurse services: Up to \$160 in vendor payments per month for any aged SSI recipient who is 65 years or older when medical findings substantiate need.

Home health services: Up to \$160 in vendor payments per month for any aged SSI recipient who is 65 years or older when medical findings substantiate need.

Medicaid

Medical assistance is provided through a Title XIX authorized demonstration program—the Arizona Health

Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)—which is more limited in scope than Medicaid.

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

Arizona Department of Health Services provides funds for the medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.