

# Wisconsin

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** No recipients.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health Services, Division of Health Care Access and Accountability.

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

**Statutory basis for payment:** Wisconsin Statutes 49.77 and 49.775.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**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. 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 calculation method:** Recipients residing in the specified living arrangements are paid an established state supplement based on eligibility for a federal SSI benefit of at least \$1.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Total expenditures:** The state reported expenditures of \$141,503,994 for calendar year 2010 in state-administered payments to SSI recipients.

**Table 1.**

**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2011 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	757.78	1,143.05	83.78	132.05
Living in the household of another	533.12	806.05	83.78	132.05
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	804.43	. . .	130.43	. . .
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	584.39	. . .	135.05	. . .
Private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting	853.77	1,488.41	179.77	477.41

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

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 where Medicaid pays 50 percent or less of the cost of their care, 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 2011**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	112,439	7,863	915	73,101	30,560
Living independently	79,906	5,850	523	47,481	26,052
Living in the household of another	3,889	240	42	2,755	852
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	5,175	222	47	4,866	40
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	552	26	1	168	357
Private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting	22,917	1,525	302	17,831	3,259

SOURCE: State information.

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

#### ***Administration***

State Department of Health Services, Division of Disability and Elder Services, Health Care Access and Accountability.

#### ***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 (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 does not obtain this information.