

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	Chapter 409.212, Florida Statutes.
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION	Department of Children and Families.
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Under the community care programs, an optional State supplement is provided to aged, blind, or disabled persons who either receive SSI payments or meet all SSI criteria except for income, and their income does not exceed \$697. Blind and disabled children are not eligible for the supplement unless they reside in a nursing home (personal needs supplement).
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	Amount of public assistance received after August 31, 1967 creates a debt against the estate of the aged, blind, or disabled recipient and the State can file a claim after death. Homestead exempt during life of spouse and/or dependent children if occupied as a homestead. Claims are filed against the estate of individuals who received Medicaid on or after their 55 th birthday.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	None.
INCOME DISREGARDS	Community care program: Personal needs allowance of \$43 per month and earned income disregards.
RESOURCE LIMITATIONS	Federal SSI resource limitations apply.
PLACE OF APPLICATION	Community care program: Local offices of State Department of Children and Families.
FUNDING	Assistance: State funds. Administration: State funds.

INTERIM ASSISTANCE

State participates.

PAYMENT LEVELS ¹

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Combined Federal/State</u>		<u>State supplementation</u>	
	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Community care program: ^{2 3} Adult family care homes ⁴	\$740.00	---	\$228.00	---
Assisted living facilities	740.00	---	228.00	---
Medicaid facility	35.00	\$70.00	5.00	\$10.00

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

MEDICAID

ELIGIBILITY:

CRITERION

SSI program guidelines (title XVI).

DETERMINED BY

Social Security Administration.

MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM

Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

¹ Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled.

² Payment includes up to \$43 for personal needs allowance.

³ Recipients who lose SSI eligibility because of Social Security (title II) benefits increases may continue to be eligible if they qualify for these living arrangements.

⁴ SSA and State agencies consider couples residing in these living arrangements as individuals the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.