

Rhode Island

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, title 40, chapter 6, section 27.

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 SSI recipients, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements (see Table 1).

Resource limitations: Federal SSI resource limitations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI income exclusions apply.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

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

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living alone	A	609.35	937.50	64.35	120.50
Living in the household of another	B	437.94	681.17	74.60	136.50
Living in an adult residential care or assisted living facility ^a	D	1,127.00	...	582.00	...
Living in a Medicaid facility	E	50.00	100.00	20.00	40.00

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Adult individuals only.

DEFINITIONS:

A: Living alone. Includes recipients who are residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement. Includes persons in medical facilities who are residing in a federal Code A living arrangement on the basis of their eligibility under section 1611(e)(1)(E).

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

D: Living in an adult residential care or assisted living facility. Includes adult recipients who are residing in a federal Code A living arrangement and live in a licensed shelter care facility.

E: Living in a Medicaid facility. Includes all recipients residing in a federal Code D living arrangement.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2002

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		27,880	4,600	150	18,600	4,530
Living alone	A	25,870	3,830	130	17,560	4,350
Living in the household of another	B	890	260	10	530	90
Living in an adult residential care or assisted living facility	D	670	420	0	240	10
Living in a Medicaid facility	E	450	90	10	270	80

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

Department of Human Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

Moving expenses: Within cost guidelines, moving costs are covered for SSI recipients when the move is determined to be socially desirable and moving services cannot be provided by city, town, or other community resources.

Catastrophic conditions: In the event of a catastrophe by fire, flood, lightning, or severe wind, the state will provide shelter, clothing, food, and essential household equipment and furnishings.

Burial expenses: The cost of burial expenses can be provided for any person who dies leaving insufficient resources to meet this expense.

Homemaker services: Services provided under specified criteria to prevent institutionalization of a recipient who is unable to perform homemaker duties because of an acute or chronic illness.

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.