
Washington

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Social and Health Services administers payments to SSI recipients in Medicaid facilities. All other state supplements are administered by the Social Security Administration.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: State law in Revised Code of Washington 74.04.600-74.04.630 and state policy in Washington Administrative Code 388-474.

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 needy aged, blind, and disabled persons, including children, except for individuals converted from former state assistance programs who have more than one essential person, eligible couples with one or more essential persons, and residents of public emergency shelters for the homeless.

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.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration, Division of Assistance Programs.

Special Needs Circumstances

Guide dog: Food for service animal at the rate of \$33.66 per month.

Other utility charges

Telephone: Amount varies according to need and location.

Laundry: \$11.13 per month.

Meals

Restaurant meals: \$187.09 per month; \$6.04 per day.

Home-delivered meals: The amount charged by the agency delivering the service.

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.

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

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently ^a	A				
Area 1		570.90	836.90	25.90	19.90
Area 2		550.45	817.00	5.45	...
Living with an ineligible spouse ^b	B				
Area 1		711.10	...	166.10	...
Area 2		681.15	...	136.15	...
Living in the household of another	C	367.05	548.87	3.71	4.20
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	F	465.00	...	101.66	...
Living in a Medicaid facility ^c	...	41.62	83.24	11.62	23.24

NOTES: Area 1 includes King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston counties. Area 2 includes all other counties.

... = not applicable.

- a. Includes persons in congregate care group facilities.
- b. Applies only to cases converted from former state assistance programs.
- c. State administers payments.

DEFINITIONS:

A: Living independently. Applies to recipients residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement unless they are living with an ineligible spouse or temporarily residing in a medical institution.

B: Living with an ineligible spouse. Applies to recipients who are living independently with a spouse who does not qualify for SSI payments.

C: Living in the household of another. Applies to recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement unless they are living with an ineligible spouse or temporarily residing in a medical institution.

F: 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.

Living in a Medicaid facility. Includes 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		97,850	12,710	870	69,330	14,940
Living independently	A	91,760	11,850	760	64,430	14,720
Living with an ineligible spouse	B	4,650	580	90	3,980	0
Living in the household of another	C	1,440	280	20	920	220
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	F	0	0	0	0	0
Living in a Medicaid facility ^a	...	b	b	b	b	b

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. State administers payments.
- b. Data are not available.