

## Wisconsin

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all eligible persons residing in the specified living arrangements (see Table 1). 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. Blind and disabled children are eligible for optional 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 levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Family Services.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Family Services and Division of Disability and Elder Services.

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

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

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2004 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	647.78	978.05	83.78	132.05
Living in the household of another	459.78	696.05	83.78	132.05
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	694.43	...	130.43	...
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	511.05	...	135.05	...
Private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting	743.77	1,323.41	179.77	477.41

NOTES: A caretaker supplement is provided for 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 and receiving 50 percent or less of the cost of their care from Medicaid, or in nonmedical institutions. Also 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) 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 2004**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	94,296	10,366	986	62,560	20,384
Living independently	63,306	7,200	548	37,768	17,790
Living in the household of another	4,263	333	84	3,150	696
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	6,066	788	62	5,211	5
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	65	11	0	54	0
Private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting	20,596	2,034	292	16,377	1,893

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

#### ***Administration***

State Department of Health and Family Services,  
 Division of Disability and Elder Services.

#### ***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), Wisconsin Statute 49.77.

**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.