State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Colorado Department of Human Services.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.


Funding

Administration: 80 percent state funds, 20 percent local funds.

Assistance: 100 percent state funds for the aged; 80 percent state funds, 20 percent local funds for the blind and disabled.

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

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Living arrangement</th>
<th>Combined federal and state</th>
<th>State supplementation</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Individual</td>
<td>Couple</td>
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<tr>
<td>Living independently or in the home of another a</td>
<td>582.00</td>
<td>1,164.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Living in adult foster care</td>
<td>784.00</td>
<td>b 1,559.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Receiving home care c</td>
<td>948.00</td>
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NOTE: . . . = not applicable.

a. State supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment for persons living in the home of another.

b. Couples are treated as two individuals the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.

c. Represents maximum allowance. Lesser amounts may be paid according to the amount of home care needed.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently or in the home of another. Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code A or B living arrangement, meet the state eligibility requirements, and do not qualify for other state arrangements.

Living in adult foster care. Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement and are residing in an approved supervised living facility known as an adult foster home.

Receiving home care. Includes recipients who receive care in their own home from qualified personnel and who would otherwise be in a nursing home if this care were unavailable.

State of Colorado

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Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: County Human Services offices.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements (see Table 1). Persons living in the household of another are included under the living independently standard; state supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment. At age 65, a disabled recipient may elect to transfer to the aged category or remain in the disabled category.

Resource limitations: Same as federal. The net current market value of property (after deducting the amount of indebtedness or encumbrances) is considered in determining resources.

Income exclusions: Same as federal.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Responsibility of relatives: Spouse for spouse.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Living arrangement</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Aged</th>
<th>Blind</th>
<th>Disabled Adults</th>
<th>Disabled Children</th>
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<tr>
<td>All recipients</td>
<td>34,982</td>
<td>20,420</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>13,782</td>
<td>753</td>
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<td>Living independently or in the home of another</td>
<td>29,238</td>
<td>17,548</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>11,278</td>
<td>397</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adult foster care</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>91</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Home care</td>
<td>5,628</td>
<td>2,847</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>2,413</td>
<td>356</td>
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a. Includes blind children.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

Colorado Department of Social Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

Funeral expenses: If cost of funeral home or cemetery does not exceed $2,500, the benefit maximum is $1,500. If cost exceeds $2,500, no assistance is provided.

Other: County social services boards may choose to provide optional supplementation for other special needs circumstances.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.