

District of Columbia

Place of application: District of Columbia Department of Human Services, individual service providers for adult foster care home eligibility; Social Security Administration field offices for payment eligibility.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to persons residing in adult foster care homes who are eligible for SSI payments or would be eligible except for income. No statutory minimum age requirements for receiving adult foster care supplementation, but children receive assistance through child welfare services provisions.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI resource limitations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI income exclusions apply.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: Only in cases in which liens were assigned prior to the establishment of the SSI program.

Responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: District does not participate.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration and District of Columbia Department of Human Services, Income Maintenance Administration.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: District of Columbia Laws 2-35, as amended, and 3-23.

Funding

Administration: District of Columbia funds.

Assistance: District of Columbia funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

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

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living in an adult foster care home (50 beds or less)	A	852.00	1,704.00	307.00	887.00
Living in an adult foster care home (over 50 beds)	B	962.00	1,924.00	417.00	1,107.00
Living in a Medicaid facility	G	70.00	140.00	40.00	80.00

DEFINITIONS:

A and B: Living in an adult foster care home. Includes recipients who are certified by the District of Columbia Department of Health or the Commission on Mental Health Services as residents of an adult foster care home.

G: Living in a Medicaid facility. Includes recipients residing in 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		1,680	170	20	1,420	70
Living in an adult foster care home (50 beds or less)	A	690	60	0	630	0
Living in an adult foster care home (over 50 beds)	B	30	0	10	20	0
Living in a Medicaid facility	G	960	110	10	770	70

State Assistance for Special Needs

District does not provide assistance for special needs.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

District provides a program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.