

## Illinois

### **State Supplementation**

#### **Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

**Administration:** Department of Human Services.

#### **Optional State Supplementation**

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

**Statutory basis for payment:** Illinois Revised Statutes, chapter 305; ILCS, section 5/3-1 et seq.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** County Department of Human Services, except in Cook County where application is made at district offices of the Department of Human Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, or disabled SSI recipients, including children, whose income-maintenance needs, based on state standards, exceed their monthly SSI benefit plus other income. Individuals who have been denied SSI because of their level of income may be eligible for an optional state supplement if there is a

deficit between all other income and the income-maintenance need based on state standards.

**Resource limitations:** Same as federal.

#### **Income exclusions**

*All recipients:* First \$25 per month of any income, except income received from a spouse or other person.

*Aged and disabled:* \$20 plus one-half of next \$60 per month of earned income.

*Blind:* \$85 plus one-half of remainder of earned income per month.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** Estate claims are filed against real and personal property for all:

- Income maintenance paid after 1963;
- Medical assistance paid prior to October 1, 1993, and after January 1, 1966, for persons aged 65 or older; and
- Medical assistance paid after October 1, 1993, for persons aged 55 or older.

**Responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse; parent for child under age 18, except that a parent is not responsible for a child of any age who has married, regardless of current marital status, and is not living with the parent.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment levels:** Optional supplement amount is equal to the difference between the monthly SSI benefit plus other income and the income maintenance needs based on state standards. The income maintenance needs of each case are determined individually regardless of living arrangement. Utility allowance varies by geographic area.

**Number of recipients:** See Table 1.

**Table 1.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2002**

| Living arrangement      | Total  | Aged  | Blind <sup>a</sup> | Disabled |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------|----------|
| All recipients          | 38,388 | 8,375 | 182                | 29,831   |
| Living independently    | 37,090 | 8,211 | 155                | 28,724   |
| Room and board facility | 125    | 17    | 1                  | 107      |
| Residential facility    | 1,173  | 147   | 26                 | 1,000    |

NOTE: Definitions not available.

a. Includes blind children.

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**State Assistance for Special Needs**

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

**Medicaid**

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**Eligibility**

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** State.

**Medically Needy Program**

State provides a program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy; children and caretakers.

**Unpaid Medical Expenses**

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.