Maine

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Department of Human Services.

Optional State Supplementation

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Effective date: July 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Maine Revised Statutes, title 22, subtitle 3, part 1-A, chapter 855-A.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: Local offices of the Department of Human Services.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipients, including children. In addition, a small number of persons not eligible for SSI are eligible for a state supplement.

Resource limitations: Same as federal.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI income exclusions used for all living arrangements. In addition, for those living alone, with others, or in the household of another, the state disregards an additional $55 for individuals and $80 for couples.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: In January 2002, 34,977 people were receiving optional state supplementation. Of those, 6,342 were aged, 119 were blind, and 28,536 were disabled. Their distribution by living arrangements is as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Living arrangement</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>Living alone or with others</td>
<td>31,624</td>
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<td>Living in the household of another</td>
<td>491</td>
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<td>Living in a foster home</td>
<td>521</td>
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<td>Living in a flat-rate boarding home</td>
<td>46</td>
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<td>Living in a cost-reimbursement boarding home</td>
<td>2,067</td>
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<td>Living in a Medicaid facility</td>
<td>228</td>
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State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

Department of Human Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

Licensed boarding home subsidies: When costs of care exceed total of SSI and state supplementary payments, state will pay the difference up to established maximum rates.

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 Department of Human Services obtains this information.
### Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels (in dollars)

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<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 alone or with others</td>
<td>555.00</td>
<td>832.00</td>
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<td>Living in the household of another</td>
<td>371.34</td>
<td>556.67</td>
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<td>Living in a foster home</td>
<td>594.00</td>
<td>1,090.00</td>
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<td>762.00</td>
<td>1,407.00</td>
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<td>764.00</td>
<td>1,438.00</td>
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<td>Living in a Medicaid facility</td>
<td>40.00</td>
<td>80.00</td>
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**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living alone or with others.** Includes the following types of recipients:
- Individual living in his or her own household with no other person except an ineligible spouse;
- Couples living in their own household;
- Persons in a medical facility where Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care;
- Person in an institution (excluding inmates of public institutions) on the basis of their eligibility under section 611(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act for all or part of a month provided that Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care;
- Persons in a private-pay facility or private-pay portion of a licensed boarding home; or
- Individuals or couples living with other persons but not considered to be living in the household of another.

**Living in the household of another.** Includes eligible persons who:
- Live in a household other than their own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not their child, their spouse, or an ineligible person whose income is deemed to them; and
- Receive food and shelter from within that household.

**Living in a foster home.** Includes recipients residing in an adult foster home.

**Living in a flat-rate boarding home.** Includes recipients residing in a boarding home which is licensed by and has a provider agreement with the state for reimbursement at a flat rate.

**Living in a cost-reimbursement boarding home.** Includes recipients residing in a boarding home that is licensed by and has a provider agreement with the state for reimbursement based on cost.

**Living in a Medicaid facility.** Includes eligible persons who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of their care.