**State Supplementation**

**Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Social Services; Division of Family Services.

**Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Social Services; Division of Family Services.

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

**Statutory basis for payment**

- **Supplemental aid to the blind:** Missouri Revised Statutes, section 209.
- **All other supplementation:** Missouri Revised Statutes, section 208.030, subchapter 5.

**Funding**

- **Administration:** State funds.
- **Assistance:** State funds.

- **Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** State offices of the Division of Family Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to any person who:
- Is aged, blind, or disabled and over age 18;
- Does not reside in a Medicaid facility;
- Does reside in a licensed residential care facility or a licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home; and
- Has insufficient cash income to cover costs of care in the facility.

Blind persons over age 18 living on their own are also provided with a supplement.

**Resource limitations**

- **Aged and disabled:** $999.99 individual; $2,000 couple.
- **Blind:** $2,000 individual; $4,000 couple.

**Income exclusions:** There are no income exclusions for the aged or disabled. Disregards for the blind include the first $65 plus one-half of the remainder of earned income.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** None.

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** Spouse for spouse.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

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**Table 1.**

Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2004 (in dollars)

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<th>Living arrangement</th>
<th>Combined federal and state</th>
<th>State supplementation</th>
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<td>Individual</td>
<td>Couple</td>
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<td>Licensed residential care facility, Level I</td>
<td>720.00</td>
<td>1,158.00</td>
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<td>Licensed residential care facility, Level II</td>
<td>856.00</td>
<td>1,430.00</td>
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<td>Licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home a</td>
<td>954.00</td>
<td>1,626.00</td>
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<td>Aid to the blind</td>
<td>1,034.00</td>
<td>1,786.00</td>
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a. Recipients in licensed nursing homes are entitled to an additional $25 per month to meet their personal needs. If the recipient is already receiving a personal needs allowance from another state or federal agency, this payment will not be made by the Division of Family Services.

b. Only recipients who receive less than $564 monthly in SSI payments and less than $846 monthly from other sources qualify for this supplement. The state supplement is reduced dollar-for-dollar by the SSI payment.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- **Licensed residential care facility, Level I.** Residents must meet state income and resource guidelines. Care provided is similar to boarding home care.

- **Licensed residential care facility, Level II.** Residents must meet state income and resource guidelines. Custodial-type care is provided.

- **Licensed intermediate care or skilled nursing home.** Residents must meet state income and resource guidelines. Custodial and medical care are provided.
Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2004

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<th>Living arrangement</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Aged</th>
<th>Blind</th>
<th>Disabled</th>
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<td>All recipients</td>
<td>6,984</td>
<td>1,159</td>
<td>866</td>
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<td>246</td>
<td>170</td>
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<td>76</td>
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<td>866</td>
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**State Assistance for Special Needs**

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

**Medicaid**

**Eligibility**

**Criteria:** State guidelines.

**Determined by:** State.

**Medically Needy Program**

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

**Unpaid Medical Expenses**

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.