

Alaska

Statutory basis for payment: Alaska Statutes 47.25.430-47.25.615, as amended by State Legislative Amendments 1993, chapter 29.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: Local offices of the state Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all needy aged, blind, and disabled persons except those in the Alaska Pioneers' Home, in any nonmedical public institution, or in public or private institutions for mental disorders. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

State Supplementation

Mandatory State Supplementation

Administration: Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January and July 2004 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
January 2004				
Living independently	926.00	1,374.00	362.00	528.00
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	1,085.00	...	521.00	...
Living in the household of another	744.00	1,107.00	368.00	543.00
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	840.00	...	464.00	...
Medicaid facility	75.00	150.00	45.00	90.00
July 2004				
Living independently	926.00	1,374.00	362.00	528.00
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	1,085.00	...	521.00	...
Living in the household of another	744.00	1,107.00	368.00	543.00
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	840.00	...	464.00	...
Assisted living home	664.00	1,046.00	100.00	200.00
Assisted living home with an ineligible spouse	664.00	...	100.00	...
Medicaid facility	75.00	150.00	45.00	90.00

NOTES: Beginning July 1, 2004, the state established a new living arrangement for persons residing in assisted living homes.

... = not applicable.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently. Includes eligible persons who:

- Live alone in their own household, whether or not receiving in-kind support and maintenance;
- Live alone or with a minor child, spouse, or anyone else whose income is deemed available to them;
- Live in a household in which all members receive federal or state public assistance;
- Live in the household of another and pay at least a prorated share of the household expenses; or
- Live in the household of another where the eligible person or devisor has an ownership interest in the home or is liable to the landlord for any part of the rent.

Living in the household of another. Includes eligible persons who reside in another's household for a full calendar month, except for temporary absences, and receive both food and shelter from that person.

Assisted living home. Includes eligible persons who reside in an assisted living home for a full calendar month.

Medicaid facility. Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code D living arrangement.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2004

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	14,622	5,000	83	9,539
Living independently	13,476	4,733	73	8,670
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	616	121	10	485
Living in the household of another	462	125	0	337
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	1	0	0	1
Medicaid facility	67	21	0	46

NOTE: Includes certain grandfathered, non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI regulations apply; in-kind income is also excluded.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: Child for aged parent.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

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.

Idaho

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Health and Welfare.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Health and Welfare.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Idaho State Code 56-207, 56-208, 56-209a.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Local offices of the state Department of Health and Welfare.

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.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI regulations apply; also all in-kind support and maintenance.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: Husband and wife mutually; parent for minor child.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2004 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently or in the household of another ^a	616.00	866.00	52.00	20.00
Living with an essential person ^b	866.00	...	20.00	...
Room and board facility	761.00	c	197.00	c
Residential and assisted living facility	903.00	c	339.00	c
Certified family home				
Level I	903.00	c	339.00	c
Level II	970.00	c	406.00	c
Level III	1,038.00	c	474.00	c
Semi-independent group residential facility	761.00	c	197.00	c
Assisted living facility or certified family home	d	...	539.00	...

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. State supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment for persons living in the household of another.
- b. The same supplement is given for living with an essential person to individuals and couples.
- c. Couples are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.
- d. The income limit for this payment level is \$539.00. There is no state supplementation to SSI; only recipients who are living in a residential and assisted living facility or a certified family home and who do not receive SSI are eligible.

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**Table 1.
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DEFINITIONS:

Living independently or in the household of another. Includes recipients living in their own household (i.e., house, apartment, hotel, rooming house, or room and board facility) or in the household of another. Also includes blind or disabled children living with their parents and individuals paying room and board to a relative.

Living with an essential person. Includes recipients living in their own household or in the household of another with a person of their choice whose presence in the household is essential to the recipients' well-being and who renders specific services of a kind that would have to be provided for the recipients if they lived alone.

Room and board facility. A facility in which a person purchases food, shelter, and household maintenance requirements from one vendor. Such a facility is not required to be licensed as a shelter home.

Residential and assisted living facility or certified family home. One or more buildings constitutes a facility or residence, however named, that is operated on either a profit or nonprofit basis, for the purpose of providing 24-hour care for three or more adults who need personal care or assistance and supervision essential for sustaining activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual.

Certified family home. A family home in which an adult chooses to live who is not able to reside in his or her own home and who requires care or help in daily living, protection, security, and encouragement toward independence.

Semi-independent group residential facility. A facility having one or more living areas under a common management in which an opportunity to learn independent living skills is provided under individualized service plans to not less than three nor more than eight developmentally disabled or mentally ill persons not requiring direct supervision.

**Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2004**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	11,699	2,070	26	8,768	835
Living independently or in the household of another, or living with an essential person	10,966	1,940	24	8,219	783
Room and board facility	685	121	2	513	49
Residential and assisted living facility or certified family home	5	1	0	4	0
Certified family home	4	1	0	3	0
Semi-independent group residential facility	39	7	0	29	3
Assisted living facility or certified family home	--	--	--	--	--

NOTE: -- = not available.

State Assistance for Special Needs**Administration**

State Department of Health and Welfare.

Special Needs Circumstances

Restaurant meals: Eating-out allowance of up to \$50 per month if physically unable to prepare meals.

Maintenance for guide dog: Allowance for care and maintenance of guide dog of up to \$17 per month.

Medicaid**Eligibility****Criteria:** SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).**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.

Oregon

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Human Services, Adult and Family Services Division, Senior and Disabled Services Division (state-administered in local offices).

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Human Services, Adult and Family Services Division, Senior and Disabled Services Division (state-administered in local offices).

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Oregon Revised Statutes 411.120.

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 SSI recipients residing in the specified living arrangements (see Table 1). Blind children are eligible for state supplementation; disabled children under age 18 are ineligible.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI limitations used, except that the transfer of a home may render a person ineligible within 36 months of application.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI earned income exclusions used. No unearned income is excluded.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: Assistance paid constitutes an unsecured prior claim against property or any interest therein belonging to the estate of a recipient except such portion as is being occupied as a home by the spouse, minor dependent child, or parent of deceased recipient. The Department of Human Services may compromise claim by accepting other security or may waive payment when enforcement would be inequitable

and would tend to defeat the purpose of public assistance law.

Financial responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

State Department of Human Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

Clothing for employment: Essential clothing may be provided for a recipient to begin employment if the recipient has been accepted for a job.

Special diet: Payment for a special diet will be allowed if need has been established by a physician and the recipient maintains independent living.

Restaurant meals: Restaurant meals are allowed in addition to the standard supplemental payments when recipient is unable to prepare meals because of physical or mental disability.

Laundry allowances: Laundry allowances are provided when the recipient has no available laundry facilities of any kind or is so disabled that he or she cannot do his or her own laundry and there is no other person living in the home who can do it.

Telephone allowances: Telephone allowances may be provided when the recipient lives alone and is housebound, lives in a situation so remote that a telephone is essential, or needs a telephone to maintain a job.

Maintenance for guide dogs: Payment for food will be made for guide dogs or special assistive animals.

Moving expenses: Moving costs will be provided if moving is essential to provide nonhazardous housing for the recipient or if the recipient has been evicted for reasons not attributable to his or her neglect or his or her failure to pay rent or house payments.

Household equipment costs: Certain items of household equipment may be purchased or repaired if the recipient is unable to obtain them without cost; a

one-time payment of chattel mortgages or sales contracts may be made to prevent repossession if the cost of replacing an essential item exceeds the balance due on the contract.

Shelter exceptions: Additional payment is made for shelter expenses in situations in which the recipient has special needs that make it impractical or impossible to rent or continue to purchase adequate housing with current benefit payment.

Transportation expenses: Certain transportation expenses may be provided to meet specific needs of recipients.

Community Transition Services: Individuals leaving a nursing facility or an acute care hospital can receive payments for such items as security deposits, utility hookups, furnishings, and so on.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

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.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2004 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently				
Aged and disabled	565.70	846.00	1.70	...
Blind	590.70	871.60	26.70	25.60
Living with an ineligible spouse				
Aged and disabled	565.70	...	1.70	...
Blind	590.70	...	26.70	...
Living in the household of another				
Aged and disabled	377.70	564.00	1.70	...
Blind	402.70	589.60	26.70	25.60
Adult foster care or residential care facility ^{a,b}				
Aged and disabled	565.70	1,042.40	1.70	196.40
Blind	590.70	1,092.40	26.70	246.40
Room and board facility ^b				
Aged and disabled	565.70	1,042.40	1.70	196.40
Blind	590.70	1,092.40	26.70	246.40

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. Additional costs covered by special service funds.

b. Persons with veterans aid and attendance income are allowed to keep \$90 as a personal needs allowance.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently. Includes recipients living alone in their own household.

Living with an ineligible spouse. Includes recipients living with their ineligible spouse.

Living in the household of another. Includes recipients who live in the household of another.

Adult foster care facility. Includes recipients living in homes or other facilities that include board and room and 24-hour care and services for five or fewer elderly or disabled persons who are aged 18 or older.

Residential care facility. Includes recipients living in facilities of one or more buildings on contiguous property that provide 24-hour care and services to six or more people aged 16 or older.

Room and board facility. Includes persons living in facilities that provide meals and housing in exchange for financial or other compensation.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2004

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind ^a	Disabled
All recipients	22,624	3,117	515	18,992
Living independently	18,875	1,813	382	16,680
Living with an ineligible spouse	0	0	0	0
Living in the household of another	2,510	737	88	1,685
Adult foster care or residential care facility	1,239	567	45	627
Room and board facility	0	0	0	0

a. Includes blind children.

Washington

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Social and Health Services.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: State law in Revised Code of Washington 74.04.600-74.04.630 and state policy in Washington Administrative Code 388-474.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: Social Security Administration field offices.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all needy aged, blind, and disabled persons, including children, except for individuals converted from former state assistance programs who have more than one essential person, eligible couples with one or more essential persons, and residents of public emergency shelters for the homeless.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

State Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration, Division of Employment and Assistance Programs.

Special Needs Circumstances

Guide dog: Food for service animal at the rate of \$33.66 per month.

Other utility charges

Telephone: Amount varies according to need and location.

Laundry: \$11.13 per month.

Meals

Restaurant meals: \$187.09 per month; \$6.04 per day.

Home-delivered meals: The amount charged by the agency delivering the service.

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 Social Security Administration obtains this information.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2004 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently ^a				
Area 1	589.90	865.90	25.90	19.90
Area 2	569.45	846.00	5.45	...
Living with an ineligible spouse ^b				
Area 1	730.10	...	166.10	...
Area 2	700.15	...	136.15	...
Living in the household of another	379.71	568.20	3.71	4.20
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	477.66	...	101.66	...
Medicaid facility	41.62	83.24	11.62	23.24

NOTES: Area 1 includes King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston counties. Area 2 includes all other counties.

... = not applicable.

a. Includes persons in congregate care group facilities.

b. Applies only to cases converted from former state assistance programs.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently. Applies to recipients residing in a federal Code A or C living arrangement unless they are living with an ineligible spouse or temporarily residing in a medical institution.

Living with an ineligible spouse. Applies to recipients who are living independently with a spouse who does not qualify for SSI payments.

Living in the household of another. Applies to recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement unless they are living with an ineligible spouse or temporarily residing in a medical institution.

Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse. Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement who have an ineligible spouse.

Medicaid facility. Includes recipients residing in a federal Code D living arrangement.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2004

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	29,367	22,801	729	5,837
Living independently	--	--	--	--
Living with an ineligible spouse	5,751	--	--	--
Living in the household of another	--	--	--	--
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	--	--	--	--
Medicaid facility	--	--	--	--

NOTE: -- = not available.