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.


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)

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<th>Living arrangement</th>
<th>Combined federal and state</th>
<th>State supplementation</th>
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<td>Living independently a</td>
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<td>Area 1</td>
<td>589.90</td>
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<td>Medicaid facility</td>
<td>41.62</td>
<td>83.24</td>
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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

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<th>Total</th>
<th>Aged</th>
<th>Blind</th>
<th>Disabled</th>
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<td>All recipients</td>
<td>29,367</td>
<td>22,801</td>
<td>729</td>
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NOTE: -- = not available.