

## North Carolina

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services and Division of Services for the Blind (state-supervised and county-administered).

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services and Division of Services for the Blind (state-supervised and county-administered). Payments are made under the State/County Special Assistance for Adults program.

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

**Statutory basis for payment:** General Statutes of North Carolina 108A.40 through 108A.47 and chapter 111 and chapter 143B-139.5.

#### Funding

*Administration:* 100 percent county funds.

*Assistance:* 50 percent state funds; 50 percent county funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** County offices of the state Department of Social Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled adults living in adult care homes. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

**Resource limitations:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

#### Income exclusions

*All categories:* A \$20 exemption applies to any income, including SSI, with the exception of income received as a Veterans Administration (VA) pension payment or a VA compensation payment to the surviving parent of a veteran.

*Aged and disabled:* Federal SSI regulations apply.

*Blind:* For earned income, exclude the first \$85 plus one-half of the remainder.

**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

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### 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 does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2005 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Adult care home				
Basic (aged, blind, and disabled) <sup>a</sup>	1,130.00	b	551.00	b
Disenfranchised (aged and disabled)	1,137.00	b	558.00	b
Blind, pending SSI eligibility <sup>c</sup>				
Not paying shelter and utilities	...	...	97.00	<sup>d</sup> 194.00
Paying shelter and utilities	...	...	146.00	<sup>e</sup> 243.00

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- An additional \$20 income exclusion is allowed. In addition, a \$46 personal needs allowance is included in the optional supplementation.
- Couples residing in these living arrangements are treated as individuals.
- This is a temporary supplement paid until SSI eligibility is determined. This is for people who are currently in a private living arrangement.
- If only one member of the couple is blind, payment level is \$146.
- If only one member of the couple is blind, payment level is \$219.

**DEFINITION:**

**Adult care home.** Includes recipients residing in an assisted living residence in which the housing management provides 24-hour scheduled and unscheduled personal care services to two or more residents either directly or, for scheduled needs, through formal written agreement with licensed home care or hospice agencies.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2005**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	23,456	12,010	102	11,344
Adult care home				
Basic	23,449	12,005	102	11,342
Disenfranchised	7	5	0	2

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