**Colorado**

**State Supplementation**

**Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services; Aging and Adult Services; Adult Financial Services.

**Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services; Aging and Adult Services; Adult Financial Services.

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

**Statutory basis for payment:** Colorado Revised Statutes 26-2, section 202-209, 1973, as amended.

**Funding**

**Administration:** 80 percent state funds, 20 percent local funds.

**Assistance:** 100 percent state funds for the aged; 80 percent state funds, 20 percent local funds for the blind and disabled.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

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

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**Table 1.**

Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2009 (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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| Living independently or in the household of another  
  (represents maximum allowance. Lesser amounts may be paid according to the amount of home care needed.)  
  (a) State supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment for persons living in the home of another.  
  (b) Couples are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.  
  (c) Represents maximum allowance. Lesser amounts may be paid according to the amount of home care needed.  | 699.00 | 1,398.00 | 25.00 | 387.00 |
| Adult foster care                         | 1,250.00 | b | 2,500.00 | b | 1,489.00 |
| Receiving home care                      | 1,119.40 | . . | 445.40 | . . |

**Sources:** Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

**Note:** . . . = not applicable.

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**DEFINITIONS:**

**Living independently or in the household of another.** Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code A or B living arrangement, meet the state eligibility requirements, and do not qualify for other state arrangements.

**Adult foster care.** Includes recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement and are residing in an approved supervised living facility known as an adult foster home.

**Receiving home care.** Includes recipients who receive care in their own home from qualified personnel and who would otherwise be in a nursing home if this care were unavailable.
Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2009

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<th>Living arrangement</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<th>Blind</th>
<th>Disabled</th>
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<td>All recipients</td>
<td>23,392</td>
<td>18,800</td>
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<td>4,592</td>
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<td>Living independently or in the household</td>
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<td>of another</td>
<td>20,284</td>
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<td>Adult foster care</td>
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<td>Receiving home care</td>
<td>3,100</td>
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SOURCE: State information.
NOTE: -- = not available.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration
Colorado Department of Human Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

Funeral expenses: If cost of funeral home or cemetery does not exceed $2,500, the benefit maximum is $1,500. If cost exceeds $2,500, no assistance is provided.

Other: County social services boards may choose to provide optional supplementation for other special needs circumstances.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.