

Delaware

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration administers payments to recipients living in an adult residential care facility or assisted living facility; the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services administers payments to recipients living independently. Delaware Department of Health and Social Services determines eligibility for special adult residential care supplement.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Delaware Code, title 31, section 505.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Social Security Administration.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to aged, blind, and disabled adults who are SSI recipients, or would be except for income, and live in an approved adult residential care and assisted living facilities. Children under age 18 are not eligible for supplementation but may receive benefits and services under the child welfare program.

Resource limitations: None.

Income exclusions: None.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment calculation method: A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

Total expenditures: The Social Security Administration reported expenditures of \$1,066,000 for calendar year 2008 in federally administered payments to SSI recipients.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2009 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Certified adult residential care facility	A	814.00	1,459.00	140.00	448.00

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs.

DEFINITION:

A: Certified adult residential care facility. Includes recipients who are certified by the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services as residents of an adult residential care home or an assisted living facility.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2009

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children ^a
Certified adult residential care facility	A	689	35	10	575	69

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record, 100 percent data.

a. Benefits received under a child welfare program.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

Delaware Department of Health and Social Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

State provides cash assistance for specific emergencies on a one-time basis.

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.