**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 and recipients with an ineligible spouse.

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 calculation method: The state supplementation is added to the federal payment.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

Total expenditures: The state reported expenditures of $28,931,187.07 for calendar year 2008 in state-administered payments to SSI recipients.

**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 2009 (in dollars)

<table>
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<th>Living arrangement</th>
<th>Combined federal and state</th>
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<td>Individual</td>
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<td>Living independently a</td>
<td>720.00</td>
<td>1,103.00</td>
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<td>Living with an ineligible spouse b</td>
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<td>Living in the household of another</td>
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<td>57.28</td>
<td>107.36</td>
<td>27.28</td>
<td>47.36</td>
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**SOURCES:** Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

**NOTE:** . . . = 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 2009

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<th>Living arrangement</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Aged</th>
<th>Blind</th>
<th>Disabled</th>
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<td>All recipients</td>
<td>31,705</td>
<td>15,270</td>
<td>861</td>
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<td>Living independently</td>
<td>27,296</td>
<td>14,100</td>
<td>797</td>
<td>12,399</td>
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<td>Living with an ineligible spouse</td>
<td>3,792</td>
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<td>507</td>
<td>437</td>
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<td>Medicaid facility</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>27</td>
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**SOURCE:** State information.