# **District of Columbia**

# State Supplementation

## Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

#### **Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** Social Security Administration and District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: District of Columbia

Laws 2-35, as amended, and 3-23.

**Funding** 

Administration: District of Columbia funds. Assistance: District of Columbia funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: District of Columbia Department

of Health Care Finance and Social Security

Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to persons residing in adult foster care homes who are eligible for SSI payments or would be eligible

except for income. No statutory minimum age requirements for receiving adult foster care supplementation, but children receive assistance through child welfare services provisions.

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

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** Only in cases in which liens were assigned before the establishment of the SSI program.

Financial responsibility of relatives: None.

**Interim assistance:** District participates.

Payment calculation method: The state supplementation is added to the federal payment. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment has been reduced to zero is then deducted from the state supplementary payment.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

**Total expenditures:** The Social Security Administration reported expenditures of \$4,161,000 for calendar year 2009 in federally administered payments to SSI

recipients.

Table 1.

Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2010 (in dollars)

|  | State | Combined federal and state |          | State supplementation |          |
|--|-------|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| Living arrangement                       | code  | Individual                 | Couple   | Individual            | Couple   |
| Adult foster care home (50 beds or less) | Α     | 1,159.00                   | 2,318.00 | 485.00                | 1,307.00 |
| Adult foster care home (over 50 beds)    | В     | 1,269.00                   | 2,538.00 | 595.00                | 1,527.00 |
| Medicaid facility                        | G     | 70.00                      | 140.00   | 40.00                 | 80.00    |

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

**DEFINITIONS** 

**A and B: Adult foster care home.** Includes recipients who are certified by the District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance or the Commission on Mental Health Services as residents of an adult foster care home.

G: Medicaid facility. Includes recipients residing in a federal Code D living arrangement.

Table 2. Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2010

|   | State  |           |         |        | Disabled |                       |
|---|--------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|-----------------------|
| Living arrangement  | code   | Total     | Aged    | Blind  | Adults   | Children <sup>a</sup> |
| All recipients  |        | 1,413     | 108     | 6      | 1,209    | 90                    |
| Adult foster care home<br>(50 beds or less)<br>Adult foster care home | А      | 699       | 58      | 1      | 628      | 12                    |
| (over 50 beds) Medicaid facility                                      | B<br>G | 11<br>703 | 1<br>49 | 0<br>5 | 7<br>574 | 3<br>75               |

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

#### State Assistance for Special Needs

District does not provide assistance for special needs.

### Medicaid

### Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

### Medically Needy Program

District provides a program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

#### **Unpaid Medical Expenses**

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

a. Benefits received under a child welfare program.