Colorado

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

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

Optional State Supplementation

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Effective date: January 1, 1974.


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.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients, including children, residing in the specified living arrangements. Persons living in the household of another are included under the living independently standard; state supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: Spouse for spouse.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment calculation method: A standard applies that is established by the state for the supplemental 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 state reported expenditures of $28,607,889 for calendar year 2010 in state-administered payments to SSI recipients.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2011 (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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<td>Living independently or in the household of another</td>
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<td>1,398.00</td>
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<td>Adult foster care</td>
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<td>c 2,500.00</td>
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<td>Receiving home care b</td>
<td>1,174.00</td>
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SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: . . . = not applicable.

a. State supplement is increased to offset the reduced federal payment for persons living in the home of another.

b. Represents maximum allowance and may include an additional supplement of $25, which represents the difference between the maximum Title II and SSI payment. Lesser amounts may be paid according to the amount of home care needed.

c. Couples are treated as two individuals starting with the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.

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.
**State Assistance for Special Needs**

**Administration**

Colorado Department of Human Services.

**Special Needs Circumstances**

**Funeral expenses:** If the 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.

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**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.

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### Table 2.
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2011**

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<td>Adults</td>
<td>Children</td>
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