Washington

**State Supplementation**

**Mandatory Minimum Supplementation**

**Administration:** State administration.

**Optional State Supplementation**

**Administration:** State Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration (ESA), Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), and Children’s Administration (CA).

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

**Statutory basis for payment:** State law in Revised Code of Washington 74.04.600-74.04.630 and state policy in Washington Administrative Code 388-474.

**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 aged, blind, and disabled persons with developmental disabilities, 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.

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**Number of recipients:** See Table 2.

**Total expenditures:** The state reported expenditures of $28,931,188 for calendar year 2010 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 2011 (in dollars)

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<td>1,103.00</td>
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<td>Living in the household of another</td>
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<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 2011

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<th>Living arrangement</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>All recipients</td>
<td>33,308</td>
<td>15,923</td>
<td>856</td>
<td>16,529</td>
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<td>28,910</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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SOURCE: State information.