

Delaware

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration administers payments for living in an adult residential care facility; the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Social Services, administers payments to recipients living independently. Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of 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: Local offices of the state agency for placement eligibility; Social Security Administration field offices for payment eligibility.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to aged, blind, and disabled adults who are SSI recipients, or would be except for income, and are certified by the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services as living in an approved adult residential care facility. Payments are also made to individuals who become ineligible for SSI because they receive Social Security disability payments and are not yet eligible for Medicaid. Children under age 18 are not eligible for supplementation but may receive benefits and services under the child welfare program.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI resource limitations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI income exclusions apply.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

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

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living in an adult residential care facility	A	685.00	1,265.00	140.00	448.00
Living independently ^a	...	550.00	...	5.00	...

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. State administers payments.

DEFINITIONS:

A: Living in an 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.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2002

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		590	30	10	490	60
Living in an adult residential care facility	A	580	30	10	480	60
Living independently	...	10	0	0	10	0

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

Delaware Department of Health and Social Services,
 Division of 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.