

Alaska

State Supplementation

Mandatory State Supplementation

No recipients.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Alaska Statutes 47.25.430-47.25.615.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: Local offices of the state Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all needy aged, blind, and disabled persons, including certain grandfathered persons who would receive SSI payments except for their income level but excluding persons in the Alaska Pioneer Homes, in any nonmedical public institution, or in public or private institutions for mental disorders. Children under age 18 are not eligible for optional supplementation.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI regulations apply; in-kind income is also excluded.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: Child for aged parent.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment calculation method: A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI payment. The federal SSI payment and any countable income are deducted from the state standard. The remainder is the state supplementation. For non-SSI recipients, any countable income is subtracted from the state standard.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: State.

Medically Needy Program

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	965.00	1,432.00	362.00	528.00
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	1,124.00	...	521.00	...
Living in the household of another	770.00	1,145.67	368.00	543.00
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	866.00	...	464.00	...
Assisted living home	703.00	1,104.00	100.00	200.00
Assisted living home with an ineligible spouse	703.00	...	100.00	...
Medicaid facility	75.00	150.00	45.00	90.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently. Includes eligible persons who:

- Live alone in their own household, whether or not receiving in-kind support and maintenance;
- Live alone or with a minor child, spouse, or anyone whose income is deemed available to them;
- Live in a household in which all members receive federal or state public assistance;
- Live in the household of another and pay at least a prorated share of the household expenses; or
- Live in the household of another where the eligible person or deemor has an ownership interest in the home or is liable to the landlord for any part of the rent.

Living in the household of another. Includes eligible persons who reside in another's household for a full calendar month, except for temporary absences, and receive both food and shelter from that person.

Assisted living home. Includes eligible persons who reside in an assisted living home for a full calendar month.

Medicaid facility. Includes recipients who reside for a full calendar month in a skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility that is certified and licensed by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services to provide long-term care.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	15,380	5,003	76	10,301
Living independently	13,881	4,589	71	9,221
Living in the household of another	538	140	1	397
Assisted living home	888	244	4	640
Medicaid facility	73	30	0	43

SOURCE: State information.

Idaho

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Health and Welfare.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Health and Welfare.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Idaho State Code 56-207, 56-208, 56-209a.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Local offices of the state Department of Health and Welfare.

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; in-kind support and maintenance is also excluded.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: Spouse for spouse; parent or stepparent for minor child.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

Payment calculation method: A standard applies that is established by the state for the total SSI 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.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently or in the household of another ^a	635.00	904.00	32.00	...
Living with an essential person	905.00
Room and board facility	780.00	b	177.00	b
Assisted living facility or certified family home				
Level I	922.00	b	319.00	b
Level II	989.00	b	386.00	b
Level III	1,056.00	b	453.00	b
Semi-independent group residential facility	780.00	b	177.00	b

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 household of another.

b. 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 living in their own household (i.e., house, apartment, hotel, rooming house, or room and board facility) or in the household of another. Also includes blind or disabled children living with their parents and individuals paying room and board to a relative.

Living with an essential person. Includes recipients living in their own household or in the household of another with a person of their choice whose presence in the household is essential to the recipients' well-being and who renders specific services of a kind that would have to be provided for the recipients if they lived alone.

Room and board facility. A facility in which a person purchases food, shelter, and household maintenance requirements from one vendor. Such a facility is not required to be licensed as a shelter home.

Assisted living facility or certified family home. One or more buildings constitutes a facility or residence, however named, that is operated on either a profit or nonprofit basis for the purpose of providing 24-hour care for three or more adults who need personal care or assistance and supervision essential for sustaining activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual.

Semi-independent group residential facility. A facility having one or more living areas under a common management in which an opportunity to learn independent living skills is provided under individualized service plans to not less than three nor more than eight developmentally disabled or mentally ill persons not requiring direct supervision.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	12,723	2,204	35	9,389	1,095
Living independently or in the household of another, or living with an essential person	12,021	2,139	33	8,811	1,038
Room and board facility	662	58	2	545	57
Assisted living facility or certified family home	10	5	0	5	0
Semi-independent group residential facility	30	2	0	28	0

SOURCE: State information.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

State Department of Health and Welfare.

Special Needs Circumstances

Restaurant meals: Eating-out allowance of up to \$50 per month if physically unable to prepare meals.

Maintenance for guide dog: Allowance for care and maintenance of guide dog of up to \$17 per month.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: State.

Medically Needy Program

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

Oregon

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Human Services, Adult and Family Services Division, Senior and Disabled Services Division (state-administered in local offices).

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Human Services, Adult and Family Services Division, Senior and Disabled Services Division (state-administered in local offices).

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Oregon Revised Statutes 411.120.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: Local offices of the Department of Human Services.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients residing in the specified living arrangements. Blind children are eligible for state supplementation; disabled children under age 18 are ineligible.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI limitations used, except that the transfer of a home may render a person ineligible after 60 months from the date of application per the Deficit Reduction Act.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI earned income exclusions used. No unearned income is excluded.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: Assistance paid constitutes an unsecured prior claim against property or any interest therein belonging to the estate of a recipient except such portion as is being occupied as a home by the spouse, minor dependent child, or parent of deceased recipient. The Department of Human Services may compromise claim by accepting other security or may

waive payment when enforcement would be inequitable and would tend to defeat the purpose of public assistance law.

Financial responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment calculation method: The state issues a standard supplement of \$1.70 to aged individuals; \$26.70 to blind individuals; and \$25.60 to blind couples living independently in the household of another. The state no longer provides a supplement to couples who reside in adult foster care or residential care. For all benefits that qualify as special needs, a check is issued to the recipient for the amount of the supplement.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

State Department of Human Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

Clothing for employment: Essential clothing may be provided for a recipient to begin employment if the recipient has been accepted for a job.

Special diet: Payment for a special diet will be allowed if need has been established by a physician and the recipient maintains independent living.

Restaurant meals: Restaurant meals are allowed in addition to the standard supplemental payments when the recipient is unable to prepare meals because of a physical or mental disability.

Laundry allowances: Laundry allowances are provided when the recipient has no available laundry facilities of any kind or is so disabled that he or she cannot do his or her own laundry and there is no other person living in the home who can do it.

Telephone allowances: Telephone allowances may be provided when the recipient lives alone and is housebound, lives in a situation so remote that a telephone is essential, or needs a telephone to maintain a job.

Maintenance for guide dogs: Payment for food will be made for guide dogs or special assistive animals.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently				
Aged and disabled	604.70	...	1.70	...
Blind	629.70	929.00	26.70	25.00
Living in the household of another				
Aged and disabled	403.70	...	1.70	...
Blind	428.70	628.27	26.70	25.60
Adult foster care or residential care facility ^a				
Aged and disabled	604.70	b	1.70	b
Blind	629.70	b	26.70	b

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- Additional costs are covered by special service funds. Persons with veterans aid and attendants income are allowed to keep \$90 as a personal needs allowance.
- The state no longer supplements couples in adult foster care, residential care, assisted living, or specialized living. These recipients are covered under a home and community waiver. The income standard is 300 percent of the SSI standard for a single recipient.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently. Includes recipients living alone in their own household.

Living in the household of another. Includes recipients who live in the household of another.

Adult foster care facility. Includes recipients living in homes or other facilities that include board and room and 24-hour care and services for five or fewer elderly or disabled persons who are aged 18 or older.

Residential care facility. Includes recipients living in facilities of one or more buildings on contiguous property that provide 24-hour care and services to six or more people aged 16 or older.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind ^a	Disabled
All recipients	23,539	3,184	477	19,878
Living independently or in the household of another	22,507	2,684	440	19,383
Adult foster care or residential care facility	1,032	500	37	495

SOURCE: State information.

- Includes blind children.

Moving expenses: Moving costs will be provided if moving is essential to provide nonhazardous housing for the recipient or if the recipient has been evicted for reasons not attributable to his or her neglect or his or her failure to pay rent or house payments.

Household equipment costs: Certain items of household equipment may be purchased or repaired if the recipient is unable to obtain them without cost; a one-time payment of chattel mortgages or sales contracts may be made to prevent repossession if the cost of replacing an essential item exceeds the balance due on the contract.

Shelter exceptions: Additional payment is made for shelter expenses in situations in which the recipient has special needs that make it impractical or impossible to rent or continue to purchase adequate housing with current benefit payment.

Transportation expenses: Certain transportation expenses may be provided to meet specific needs of recipients.

Community transition services: Individuals leaving a nursing facility or an acute care hospital can receive payments for such items as security deposits, utility hookups, furnishings, and so on.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: State.

Medically Needy Program

State does not provide a program for the medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

Washington

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

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.

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State Department of Social and Health Services.

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 all needy aged and blind persons with an ineligible spouse, including children.

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.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently ^a	649.00	996.00	46.00	92.00
Living with an ineligible spouse ^b	649.00	...	46.00	...
Living in the household of another	448.00	694.67	46.00	92.00
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	448.00	...	46.00	...
Medicaid facility	51.62	103.24	21.62	43.24

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 2006

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	^a 30,039	24,931	770	4,269
Living independently	--	--	--	0
Living with an ineligible spouse	--	--	--	4,269
Living in the household of another	--	--	--	0
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	--	--	--	0
Medicaid facility	--	--	--	0

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

- a. Includes 69 recipients converted from former state program.