

## 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.

**Total expenditures<sup>1</sup>:** The state reported expenditures of \$53,070,811 for calendar year 2008 in state-administered payments to SSI recipients.

### ***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.

1. Includes payments made to some non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria, but do not meet federal SSI eligibility guidelines.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2009 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	1,036.00	1,539.00	362.00	528.00
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	1,195.00	...	521.00	...
Living in the household of another	817.34	1,217.00	368.00	543.00
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	913.34	...	464.00	...
Assisted living home	774.00	1,211.00	100.00	200.00
Assisted living home with an ineligible spouse	774.00	...	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 devisor 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 2009**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	16,232	4,943	78	11,211
Living independently	14,353	4,511	71	9,771
Living in the household of another	667	139	0	528
Assisted living home	1,135	270	7	858
Medicaid facility	77	23	0	54

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: Includes some non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria, but do not meet federal SSI eligibility guidelines.

## 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 unless received as wages.

**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. The maximum payment amount for individuals and couples living independently is \$53.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Total expenditures:** The state reported expenditures of \$9,404,367 for calendar year 2008 in state-administered payments to SSI recipients.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2009 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently or in the household of another <sup>a</sup>	727.00	1,064.00	53.00	53.00
Living with an essential person	1,064.00	...	53.00	...
Room and board facility	872.00	b	198.00	b
Assisted living facility or certified family home				
Level I	1,013.00	b	339.00	b
Level II	1,080.00	b	406.00	b
Level III	1,147.00	b	473.00	b
Semi-independent group residential facility	872.00	b	198.00	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. The payment amount is capped at \$53 for individuals and couples living independently.

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 2009**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	13,840	2,245	33	10,202	1,360
Living independently or in the household of another, or living with an essential person	13,198	2,185	31	9,686	1,296
Room and board facility	625	55	2	504	64
Assisted living facility or certified family home	1	0	0	1	0
Semi-independent group residential facility	16	5	0	11	0

SOURCE: State information.

***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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***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 service animals:** Allowance for care and maintenance of service animals of up to \$17 per month.

***Medicaid***

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***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

No recipients.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services, Seniors, and People with Disabilities 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 and local offices of county and local government.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to some SSI recipients. Blind children who receive SSI 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 and unearned income exclusions used.

**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 \$25.00 to blind couples living independently or in the household of another.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

**Total expenditures<sup>1</sup>:** The state reported expenditures of \$2,811,456 for calendar year 2008 in state-administered payments to SSI recipients.

### State Assistance for Special Needs

#### Administration

State Department of Human Services, Seniors, and People with Disabilities.

#### Special Needs Circumstances

**Community-based care:** Eligible for payment for room and board during the month of admission at the initial placement. Room and board payments may be paid to the community-based facility during the temporary absence.

**Special diet:** An ongoing payment for a special diet will be allowed if need has been established by a physician and the recipient would be in an imminent life-threatening situation without the diet.

**Restaurant meals:** Ongoing payments to recipients living in their own home who are unable to prepare their own meals.

**Laundry allowances:** Recipients are eligible for an ongoing laundry allowance if they have excessive costs for coin-operated laundry facilities.

1. Represents the preliminary count without resolutions of overpayments or returned checks.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2009 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently				
Aged and disabled	675.70	...	1.70	...
Blind	700.70	1,036.00	26.70	25.00
Living in the household of another				
Aged and disabled	451.04	...	1.70	...
Blind	476.04	699.00	26.70	25.00
Adult foster care or residential care facility <sup>a</sup>				
Aged and disabled	675.70	b	1.70	b
Blind	700.70	b	26.70	b

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

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. 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.
- b. 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 2009**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind <sup>a</sup>	Disabled
All recipients	28,105	3,375	578	24,152
Living independently or in the household of another	--	--	--	--
Adult foster care or residential care facility	--	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTE: -- = not available.

- a. Includes blind children.

**Telephone allowances:** Telephone allowances may be provided when the recipient is unable to leave their residence without assistance due to a documented medical condition.

**Food for guide dogs and special assistive animals:** Payment for food will be made for trained guide dogs or special assistive animals.

**Home repairs:** The repairs must be needed to remove a physical hazard to the health and safety of the recipient.

**Property taxes:** Recipients who are homeowners or homebuyers are allowed a special need of one year of delinquent real property taxes, penalties, and interest if needed to prevent imminent foreclosure.

**Moving costs:** The Department will authorize payment for the cost of moving a recipient's household effects if moving is essential to provide nonhazardous housing, the recipient has been evicted for reasons other than his or her own neglect, or the move is a result of domestic violence.

**Accommodation allowance:** A temporary accommodation allowance may be authorized when the recipient leaves his or her home or rental property and

enters a hospital, state psychiatric institution, nursing facility, or community-based care facility. Additionally, a recipient may receive an accommodation allowance if the recipient's shelter cost exceeds the shelter standard and the recipient has a documented increase in costs.

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## ***Medicaid***

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### ***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

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

**Total expenditures:** The state reported expenditures of \$28,931,187.07 for calendar year 2008 in state-administered payments to SSI recipients.

### ***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, blind, and disabled persons, 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.

### ***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 2009 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently <sup>a</sup>	720.00	1,103.00	46.00	92.00
Living with an ineligible spouse <sup>b</sup>	720.00	...	46.00	...
Living in the household of another	495.34	766.00	46.00	92.00
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	495.34	...	46.00	...
Medicaid facility	57.28	107.36	27.28	47.36

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 2009**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	31,705	15,270	861	15,574
Living independently	27,296	14,100	797	12,399
Living with an ineligible spouse	3,792	662	52	3,078
Living in the household of another	507	437	10	60
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	45	29	0	16
Medicaid facility	33	15	2	16
Other	32	27	0	5

SOURCE: State information.