

Alaska

State Supplementation

Mandatory State Supplementation

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

Optional State Supplementation

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Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Alaska Statutes 47.25.430, as amended by State Legislative Amendments 1993, chapter 29.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

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 needy aged, blind, and disabled persons except those in the Alaska Pioneers' Home, 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: Same as federal.

Income exclusions: Same as federal; in-kind income is also excluded.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Responsibility of relatives: Child for aged parent.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: See Table 1.

Number of recipients: See Table 2.

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

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	907.00	1,345.00	362.00	528.00
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	1,066.00	...	521.00	...
Living in the household of another	731.34	1,087.67	368.00	543.00
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	827.34	...	464.00	...
Living in a Medicaid facility	75.00	150.00	45.00	90.00

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 else whose income is deemed available to them;
- Live in an adult residential care facility, medical institution, or adult foster care home;
- 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 live in another's household for a full calendar month, except for temporary absences, and receive both food and shelter from that person.

Living in a Medicaid facility. Includes eligible persons 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 2002

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	14,640	4,731	89	9,820
Living independently	13,496	4,439	84	8,973
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	624	137	5	482
Living in the household of another	432	126	0	306
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	9	1	0	8
Living in a Medicaid facility	79	28	0	51

NOTE: Includes certain grandfathered, non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria. Excludes children, who are not eligible for optional state supplementation.

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.