

California

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

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Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Welfare and Institutions Code, section 12000ff.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Social Security Administration field offices.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to every aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipient, including children.

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 participates.

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 independently with cooking facilities | A | | | | |
| Aged and disabled | | 750.00 | 1,332.00 | 205.00 | 515.00 |
| Blind | | 812.00 | ^a 1,544.00 | 267.00 | 727.00 |
| Receiving nonmedical out-of-home care | B | 918.00 | 1,836.00 | 373.00 | 1,019.00 |
| Living independently without cooking facilities | C | | | | |
| Aged and disabled | | 829.00 | 1,490.00 | 284.00 | 673.00 |
| Blind | | 812.00 | 1,544.00 | 267.00 | 727.00 |
| Living in the household of another | D | | | | |
| Aged and disabled | | 574.00 | 1,091.00 | 210.66 | 546.33 |
| Blind | | 650.00 | ^b 1,304.00 | 286.66 | 759.33 |
| Disabled minor in home of parent, guardian, or relative by marriage | E | 643.00 | ... | 98.00 | ... |
| Receiving nonmedical out-of-home care, living in the household of another | F | 736.00 | 1,513.00 | 372.66 | 968.33 |
| Disabled minor in the household of another | G | 456.00 | ... | 92.66 | ... |
| Medicaid facility | J | 47.00 | 94.00 | 17.00 | 34.00 |

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NOTES: Blind individuals aged 65 or older are entitled to the highest payment category for which they qualify.

. . . = not applicable.

a. Payment level for a couple in which only one member is blind is \$1,465.

b. Payment level for a couple in which only one member is blind is \$1,223.

DEFINITIONS:

A: Living independently with cooking facilities. Includes recipients who:

- Live in their own household and have cooking and food storage facilities or are provided with meals as part of the living arrangement,
- Are patients in private medical facilities licensed by the state but not certified under SSI,
- Are blind children under age 18 who live with parents, or
- Are blind and live independently with or without cooking and food storage facilities.

B: Receiving nonmedical out-of-home care (NMOHC). Includes adult recipients who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement and who receive care and supervision while residing either in the home of a relative, legal guardian, or conservator or in a state-licensed NMOHC facility. Includes children who are:

- Blind and residing in a state-licensed NMOHC facility,
- Blind and residing in the home of a relative who is not his or her parent or legal guardian or conservator,
- Disabled and residing in a state-licensed NMOHC facility,
- Disabled and residing in the home of a legal guardian or conservator who is not his or her relative,
- Disabled and residing in the home of a relative who is not his or her parent, or
- Blind or disabled and residing in a "certified family home."

C: Living independently without cooking facilities (aged and disabled). Includes aged or disabled recipients or couples who are not provided with meals nor given access to adequate cooking and food storage facilities as part of their living arrangement.

D: Living in the household of another. Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement who do not qualify for any other state arrangement.

E: Disabled minor in home of parent, guardian, or relative by marriage. Includes disabled children under age 18 who reside with a parent.

F: Nonmedical out-of-home care, living in the household of another. Includes recipients who meet the state criteria for nonmedical out-of-home care payments and are in a federal Code B living arrangement.

G: Disabled minor in the household of another. Includes disabled children under age 18 who reside with a parent but are in a federal Code B living arrangement.

J: Medicaid facility. Includes recipients in a federal Code D living arrangement; also includes recipients in medical facilities who reside in a federal Code A living arrangement on the basis of their eligibility under section 1611(e)(1)(E).

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

Health and Welfare Agency, Department of Social Services.

Special Needs Circumstances

Maintenance for guide dog: Eligible recipients with guide, signal, or other service dogs receive \$50 per month in state aid to pay for dog food and other costs associated with the dog's maintenance.

In-home supportive services: Supportive services (i.e., certain domestic and personal care services) are provided to eligible aged, blind, and disabled persons who cannot perform the services themselves and who cannot safely remain in their own home unless such services are provided.

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 does not obtain this information.

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

| Living arrangement | State code | Total | Aged | Blind | Disabled | |
|---|------------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | Adults | Children |
| All recipients | | 1,093,680 | 333,230 | 19,430 | 629,970 | 111,050 |
| Living independently with cooking facilities | A | 837,880 | 280,160 | 17,520 | 517,400 | 22,800 |
| Nonmedical out-of-home care | B | 60,090 | 6,730 | 600 | 46,290 | 6,470 |
| Living independently without cooking facilities | C | 35,970 | 3,570 | 0 | 32,080 | 320 |
| Living in the household of another | D | 65,580 | 38,270 | 1,080 | 23,800 | 2,430 |
| Disabled minor in home of parent, guardian, or relative by marriage | E | 75,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75,000 |
| Nonmedical out-of-home care, living in the household of another | F | 2,150 | 440 | 0 | 1,460 | 250 |
| Disabled minor in the household of another | G | 1,890 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,890 |
| Medicaid facility | J | 15,120 | 4,060 | 230 | 8,940 | 1,890 |