
Arkansas

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

Optional State Supplementation

State does not provide optional supplementation.

State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

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.

Louisiana

State Supplementation

Minimum State Supplementation

Administration: Social Security Administration.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing.

Effective date: March 1, 1982

Statutory basis for payment: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 133, 1980.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: Local offices of the Bureau of Health Services Financing and contractors.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to aged, blind, and disabled persons, including children, who reside in a nonpsychiatric Medicaid long-term care facility and whose countable income is less than \$38.

Resource limitations: Same as federal.

Income exclusions: Same as federal.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

Payment levels: Combined federal and state supplementation for persons in Medicaid facilities is \$38 for individuals and \$76 for couples. State supplementation is \$8 for individuals and \$16 for couples.

Number of recipients: In January 2002, 5,121 people received optional state supplementation. Of those, 1,775 were aged, 56 were blind, and 3,290 were disabled.

State Assistance for Special Needs

State provides assistance for special needs only to recipients who were determined eligible on or before December 1975.

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.

New Mexico

Number of recipients: In January 2002, 199 people received optional state supplementation.

State Assistance for Special Needs

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: State-administered through the county offices of the Human Services Department.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: State-administered through the county offices of the Human Services Department.

Effective date: July 1, 1976.

Statutory basis for payment: Chapter 51, Laws of 1976.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

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

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to SSI recipients who reside in a licensed adult residential care home.

Resource limitations: Same as federal.

Income exclusions: Same as federal.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State participates.

Payment levels: Combined federal and state supplementation for persons in licensed adult residential care homes is \$645 for individuals and \$1,017 for couples. State supplementation is \$100 for individuals and \$200 for couples.¹

Administration

County offices of the Human Services Department (state-administered).

Special Needs Circumstances

Burial expenses provided for SSI recipients, including disabled recipients who received special monthly benefits under section 1619(a) of the Social Security Act. Payment of up to \$200 toward funeral expenses if available resources of the deceased are insufficient to cover costs and no other person will assume expenses. No payment is made when resources available from all sources total \$600 or more.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

State does not provide a program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information

1. Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled persons. Recipients in a Medicaid facility who have other sources of income are allowed to keep \$45 a month as a personal needs allowance. Persons in intermediate care facilities for mental retardation working in sheltered workshops can keep up to \$100 a month of their earnings in addition to the \$45 a month.

Oklahoma

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Department of Human Services.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Department of Human Services. Payments are made under the Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Totally and Permanently Disabled program.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, Article XXV.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: County offices of the Department of Human Services or physicians' offices.

Scope of coverage: Optional supplement provided to needy aged, blind, and disabled persons living independently. Blind and disabled children are eligible for supplementation.

Resource limitations: Same as federal. In addition, the value of original Indian allotments, land purchased from allotment proceeds, and land purchased from funds granted to the Indian in lieu of original allotment, provided the land is held in trust for the Indian and is held by the original allottee, is disregarded. Prepaid funeral contracts are also disregarded when the recipient has signed an irrevocable contract up to \$7,500.

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

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

Payment levels: Combined federal payment and state supplementation for persons living independently is \$598 for individuals and \$923 for couples.¹ State supplementation is \$53 for individuals and \$106 for couples.

Number of recipients: In January 2002, 70,972 people received optional state supplementation. Of those, 22,278 were aged, 520 were blind, 39,228 were disabled adults, and 8,946 were disabled children.

State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: State guidelines.

Determined by: State

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.

1. Includes recipients residing in a federal Code A, B, or C living arrangement except those in nursing homes or hospitals.

Texas

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Department of Human Services.

Effective date: September 1, 1999.

Statutory basis for payment: Texas Human Resources Code, section 32.024(V).

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 SSI recipients residing in nursing or intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICFMR) and whose countable income is less than \$60.

Resource limitations: Same as federal.

Income exclusions: Same as federal.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Responsibility of relatives: None.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

Payment levels: Prior to September 2002, individuals in Medicaid facilities received a combined federal and state supplement of \$45 (state-supplemented portion is \$15).¹ In addition, up to \$60 may be retained as a personal needs allowance. Couples residing in these facilities for more than 30 days are treated as two individuals. Effective September 2002, state supplementation increased to \$30, bringing the combined federal and state supplementation for these recipients to \$60.

Number of recipients: In January 2002, 6,441 people received optional state supplementation. Of those, 3,085 were aged, 39 were blind, 600 were disabled adults, and 2,717 were disabled children.

State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

Determined by: Social Security Administration.

Medically Needy Program

State provides a program for families and children.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

1. Includes recipients in a federal Code D living arrangement who reside in a nonpsychiatric Medicaid facility.