

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) 26-2, Section 202-209, 1973 as amended.
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION ¹	State Department of Human Services (State-supervised with local administration).
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of total expenditures.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional State supplement provided to SSI recipients in living arrangements listed under "Payment Levels." Persons living in the household of another are included under the living independently standard; State supplement is increased to offset the reduced Federal payment. At age 65, a disabled recipient may elect to transfer to the aged category or remain in the disabled category. Blind and disabled children are eligible for State supplementation.
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	None.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	Spouse for spouse.
INCOME DISREGARDS	No disregards in addition to the Federal income disregards.
RESOURCE LIMITATIONS	Resources are considered property. Current market value of property is used in determining resources and only net value of property (after deducting the amount of indebtedness or encumbrances) is considered. Basic resource limitation is \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple or the same as SSI.
PLACE OF APPLICATION	County Human Services offices.

¹ Mandatory minimum supplementation is administered by the same agency as optional supplementation.

FUNDING

Assistance: 100 percent State funds for the aged;
80 percent State funds, 20 percent local funds for the blind and disabled.
Administration: 80 percent State funds, 20 percent local funds.

INTERIM ASSISTANCE

State participates.

PAYMENT LEVELS ¹

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Combined Federal/State</u>		<u>State supplementation</u>	
	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently:				
Aged	\$548.00	\$1,096.00	\$36.00	² \$327.00
Blind and disabled	512.00	1,024.00	---	255.00
Adult foster care ³	742.00	---	230.00	---
Home care: ⁴				
Aged	944.00	---	432.00	---
Blind and disabled	908.00	---	396.00	---
Individual with essential spouse:				
Blind and disabled	769.00	---	257.00	---

¹ Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled. Persons in Medicaid facilities who have other sources of income are allowed to keep \$50.00 per month as a personal need allowance.

² Combined Federal/State payment level also applies to persons living in the home of another. State supplement is increased to offset the reduced Federal payment for this living arrangement.

³ Couples residing in these living arrangements are treated as individuals the month after leaving an independent living arrangement.

⁴ Represents maximum allowance. Lesser amounts may be paid according to the amount of home care needed.

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

ADMINISTRATION	State Department of Social Services ¹
SPECIAL NEEDS CIRCUMSTANCES	Funeral expenses. If costs of funeral home/cemetery do not exceed \$2,500, the benefit maximum is \$1,500. If costs exceed \$2,500, no assistance is provided.

MEDICAID**ELIGIBILITY:**

CRITERION	SSI program guidelines (title XVI).
DETERMINED BY	Social Security Administration.
MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM	No program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.
UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES	The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

¹ At their option, county social services boards may provide optional supplementation for other special need circumstances.