## OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) 26-2, Section 202-209, 1973

as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 1974.

ADMINISTRATION1

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 living in the 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mandatory minimum supplementation is administered by the same agency as optional supplementation.

# **COLORADO**

**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<sup>2</sup>

		Combined Federal/State		State supplementation	
$\underline{\text{Code}}$	Living arrangements	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
	Living independently: <sup>3</sup>				
	Aged	\$533.00	\$1,086.00	\$39.00	\$345.00
	Blind and disabled	494.00	979.00		238.00
	Adults foster care	725.00	N/A	231.00	N/A
	Home care: <sup>4</sup>				
	Aged	938.00	N/A	444.00	N/A
	Blind and disabled	879.00	N/A	385.00	N/A
	Individual with essential				
	spouse:				
	Blind and disabled	627.00	N/A	133.00	N/A

## STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

**ADMINISTRATION** State Department of Social Services<sup>5</sup>

SPECIAL NEEDS CIRCUMSTANCES

Funeral expenses—If costs of funeral home/cemetery do not exceed \$2,200, the benefit maximum is \$2,200. If costs exceed

\$2,200, no assistance is provided.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 \$34.00 per month as a personal need allowance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Represents maximum allowance. Lesser amounts may be paid according to the amount of home care needed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> At their option, county social services boards may provide optional supplementation for other special need circumstances.

# **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.