

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	Section 17-109, Connecticut General Statutes.
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION¹	Department of Social Services (State-administered in local offices of the State agency).
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional supplement provided for aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipients living alone and with others. No provision is made for essential persons. Blind children are eligible for supplementation, but disabled children are not. Blind and disabled recipients are reclassified as aged upon reaching 65 years old.
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	Liens secure claims against real property. State has a preferred mandatory claim against an estate to the extent that it is not needed for the support of the surviving spouse, parent, or dependent children of the decedent. Liens may be comprised or released upon payment of claim or amount equal to beneficiary's interest. If applicant/recipient owns other nonhome property he has 9 months to sell it. During that time, he gives the State a security mortgage.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	Spouse for spouse; parents for blind children under 18.
INCOME DISREGARDS	<p>Unearned Income: For recipients residing in the community, State disregards \$183.00 of any unearned income including SSI; for recipients residing in boarding homes, \$90.70 is disregarded.</p> <p>Earned Income: The first \$65 and one-half of the remainder for aged and disabled. The first \$85 and one-half the remainder for the blind. Work related expenses for the blind: 1) nonpersonal expenses such as union dues (if mandatory) and cost of tools, materials, uniforms if not paid for or furnished by the employer; 2) personal expenses such as Social Security tax, life and health insurance, lunch, and transportation.</p>

¹ State no longer has any recipients receiving mandatory supplementation.

**INCOME
DISREGARDS (CON.)**

Additional deductions are allowed for the blind and disabled related to plans for self-support. Those who are disabled are also allowed deductions for impairment related work expenses.

**RESOURCE
LIMITATIONS**

No limit on real property occupied as a home. Equity in real property other than a home must be liquidated. Value of personal property (excluding household and personal effects, car if needed, and tools and equipment or livestock essential to production of income) limited to \$1,600 for an individual and \$2,400 for a couple. In addition, up to \$1,200 for burial contract reduced by the value of irrevocable burial arrangements and the face value of life insurance policies of \$1,500 or less.

**PLACE OF
APPLICATION**

Local offices of State agency.

FUNDING

Assistance: State funds.
Administration: State funds.

**INTERIM
ASSISTANCE**

State participates.

PAYMENT LEVELS²

<u>Code</u>	<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>
	Independent community living ³	\$747.00	\$1,094.00	\$253.00	\$353.00
	Licensed room and board facility ⁴	494.00	741.00	4	4

² Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled. Committee sets boarding home rate on State payments in accordance with individual cost data for the operations of the facility.

³ Budget process used to establish payments amounts. This supplement consists of a housing allowance (maximum of \$400 for living alone; \$200 for living with others), basic needs items, minus countable income (see income disregards). The amount presented assumes eligibility for the highest rental allowance and the maximum budget amount.

⁴ Persons residing in these living arrangements receive a supplement which may vary depending on the facility.

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS**ADMINISTRATION** Department of Income Maintenance.**SPECIAL NEED
CIRCUMSTANCES:**

RECURRING

Emergency housing -	1 occurrence per calendar year-- no more than 60 days per occurrence
Refuse collection-	actual charge
Therapeutic diet -	\$36.20 a month
Meals-on-wheels -	\$89.10 a month for 1 meal a day \$164.80 a month for 2 meals a day
Restaurant meals -	\$36.20 a month for an individual living in the community \$7.80 per day for an individual living in emergency housing

NONRECURRING

Security deposit for housing - up to 2 times the monthly obligation
 Security deposit for heating service - actual cost up to limit of \$200
 Storage charges - up to 3 months
 Moving expenses
 Essential household furnishings
 Telephone installation
 Essential clothing

MEDICAID**ELIGIBILITY:****CRITERION** State guidelines.**DETERMINED BY** State.**MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM** Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.**UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES** The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.