

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

<b>STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT</b>	Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 305; ILCS, Section 5/3-1 et seq.
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	March 1, 1974.
<b>ADMINISTRATION<sup>1</sup></b>	Department of Human Services (State-administered through local offices of State agency).
<b>PASSALONG</b>	In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.
<b>SCOPE OF COVERAGE</b>	Optional State supplement provided for all aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipients whose income-maintenance needs based on State standards exceed their monthly SSI benefit plus other income. If the individual has been denied SSI due to level of income, eligibility for an optional State supplemental payment may exist if there is a deficit between all other income and the income-maintenance need based on State standards. Blind and disabled children are eligible for optional supplementation.
<b>RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS</b>	Estate claims are filed against real and personal property for: 1) all income maintenance paid out at any time after 1963, and 2) all medical assistance paid out prior to October 1, 1993 and after January 1, 1966 for a person age 65 years of age and older, and 3) all medical assistance paid out after October 1, 1993 for a person age 55 years of age or older.
<b>RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY</b>	Spouse for spouse; parent for child under age 18, except that a parent is not responsible for a child of any age who has married, regardless of current martial status, and is not living with the parent.

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

**INCOME  
DISREGARDS**

All recipients: First \$25 per month of any income, except income received from a spouse or other person.

Aged and disabled: \$20 plus one-half of next \$60 per month of earned income.

Blind: \$85 plus one-half of remainder of earned income per month.

Blind and disabled: Certain work expenses deducted from earnings. Income and resources needed for 12 months to fulfill a plan for achieving self-support can be exempted.

**RESOURCE  
LIMITATIONS**

Ownership of real property used as a home does not disqualify. Other real and personal property is limited to \$2,000 per year per individual and \$3,000 per couple. Exempted from this property are clothing, household furnishings, income-producing business or farming equipment, motor vehicles, as well as life insurance, prepaid burial plans, and burial merchandise which do not exceed defined value limits.

**PLACE OF  
APPLICATION**

County Department of Human Services, except in Cook County where application is made at district offices of the Department of Human Services.

**FUNDING**

Assistance: State funds.  
Administration: State funds.

**INTERIM  
ASSISTANCE**

State does not participate.

**PAYMENT LEVELS**

Optional supplement amount is equal to the difference between monthly SSI benefit plus other income and the income-maintenance needs based on State standards. The income-maintenance needs of each case are determined individually regardless of living arrangement. Utility allowance varies by geographical area.

**STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS**

State no longer provides assistance for special needs.

**MEDICAID**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

<b>CRITERIA</b>	State guidelines.
<b>DETERMINED BY</b>	State.
<b>MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM</b>	Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy, and children and caretakers.
<b>UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES</b>	The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.