

## North Dakota

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State-administered through county social service offices. Payments are made under the vendor payment program known as Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled.

**Effective date:** July 1993.

**Statutory basis for payment:** North Dakota Century Code, chapter 50-24.5.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State and county funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** County social service offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Coverage for residential and in-home options for aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipients is limited to adults in licensed basic care facilities or licensed foster homes and to those receiving in-home services enabling the recipient to remain at home.

**Resource limitations:** Federal Medicaid resource limitations used, except a more restrictive disqualifying transfer provision and more restrictive disqualifying penalties apply.

**Income exclusions:** Cost of guardianship fee of up to 5 percent of the monthly gross income. Sixty-five dollars plus one-half of the remaining monthly gross earned income. Personal needs allowance of \$60.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** State law provides for recovery of supplementation from the estates of former recipients and deceased spouses of deceased former recipients. No liens or assignments are required.

**Responsibility of relatives:** Limited to spouse for spouse (follows Medicaid rules).

**Interim assistance:** State does not participate.

**Payment levels:** Combined federal and state supplementation for persons in licensed basic care facilities is \$1,921.80 for individuals and \$4,660.60 for couples. State supplementation is \$1,376.80 for individuals and \$3,026.60 for couples. Couples residing in licensed basic care facilities are treated as two individuals. The Basic Care Assistance Program pays a maximum of \$64.06 per day. The state pays the difference between the basic rate and the SSI payment, or any other income received by a recipient. This is based on a 30-day month at the maximum rate.

**Number of recipients:** In January 2002, 465 people received optional state supplementation. Of those, 439 were aged and 26 were disabled.

### State Assistance for Special Needs

#### Administration

County social service boards.

#### Special Needs Circumstances

At option of individual counties.

**Transportation costs, meals, and lodging:** Twenty-one cents per mile for obtaining medical services if recipient uses own car. The cost of meals (up to \$20 per day) and lodging (up to \$35 per day), if verified as related to obtaining approved health services, may be granted if the individual is away from home for 24 hours or more.

### 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.