

# Vermont

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Agency of Human Services, Department of Prevention, Assistance, Transition, and Health Access, administers the state-funded program for essential persons. All other optional state supplements are administered by the Social Security Administration.

**Effective date:** January 1, 1974.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Vermont Statutes Annotated, title 33, chapter 13, Aid to Aged, Blind, and Disabled.

### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Social Security Administration field offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to SSI-eligible aged, blind, and disabled individuals, including children.

**Resource limitations:** Same as federal.

**Income exclusions:** Same as federal.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments:** None.

**Responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

**Number of recipients:** See Table 2.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	State code	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	A and B	604.04	927.88	59.04	110.88
Living in assistive community care, Level III	C	593.38	913.77	48.38	96.77
Living in the household of another	E	402.64	592.98	39.30	48.31
Living in a residential care home, Level IV	G	768.94	1,379.06	223.94	562.06
Living in a custodial care family home	H	643.69	1,149.82	98.69	332.82
Living in a Medicaid facility	I	47.66	95.33	17.66	35.33
Living independently with an essential person <sup>a</sup>	...	927.88	1,111.69	109.88	21.69
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse who is an essential person <sup>a</sup>	...	604.04	...	59.37	...

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

a. State administers payments.

#### DEFINITIONS:

**A and B: Living independently.** Includes eligible recipients who are not in any other state living arrangement. Includes children who are living with parents, recipients residing in private Title XIX facilities where Medicaid is not paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care, and recipients residing in publicly operated emergency shelters throughout a month.

**C: Living in assistive community care, Level III.** Effective July 1, 1999, includes any individual who resides in a Level III residential care home that is certified by the Department of Disabilities and Aging to provide assistive community care services.

**E: Living in the household of another.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement who are not otherwise exempted from state supplementation.

**G: Living in a residential care home, Level IV.** Includes recipients living in Level IV community homes identified by the state.

**H: Living in a custodial care family home.** Includes recipients who are residing in a federal Code A living arrangement, live in another's home, pay room and board, and receive one or more custodial services. Custodial care includes providing basic room and board, plus such services as help with feeding, dressing, bathing, moving under normal circumstances, and occasional tray service and supervision for the recipients' protection. To qualify as a home under this arrangement, these services must be provided by a resident of the home and cannot be provided to more than two persons in the home. Custodial care or supervision provided by a spouse is not included under this arrangement.

**I: Living in a Medicaid facility.** Includes recipients residing in a federal code D living arrangement.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2002**

Living arrangement	State code	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
					Adults	Children
All recipients		12,730	1,430	160	9,340	1,800
Living independently	A and B	11,000	1,270	110	8,000	1,620
Living in assistive community care, Level III	C	110	0	20	70	20
Living in the household of another	E	260	70	0	190	0
Living in a residential care home, Level IV	G	260	60	0	200	0
Living in a custodial care family home	H	960	10	20	780	150
Living in a Medicaid facility	I	140	20	10	100	10
Living independently with an essential person	...	0	0	0	0	0
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse who is an essential person	...	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

## ***State Assistance for Special Needs***

### ***Administration***

Agency of Human Services, Department of Prevention, Assistance, Transition, and Health Access.

### ***Special Needs Circumstances***

Emergency assistance is provided, under certain conditions, for court-ordered evictions, natural disasters (e.g., fire, flood, or hurricane), emergency medical care, funeral costs, and emergency fuel needs.

## ***Medicaid***

### ***Eligibility***

**Criteria:** SSI program guidelines (Title XVI).

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

### ***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.