

Wisconsin

Passalong method: Maintaining total expenditures.

Place of application: Social Security Administration field offices.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to all eligible persons residing in the specified living arrangements (see Table 1). Residents of emergency shelters or patients in medical facilities where Medicaid pays more than 50 percent of the cost of care are not eligible for supplementation. Blind and disabled children are eligible for optional supplementation.

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.

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

Administration: Department of Health and Family Services.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: Department of Health and Family Services.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Wisconsin Statutes 49.77 and 49.775.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

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

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently ^a	628.78	949.05	83.78	132.05
Living in the household of another	447.12	676.72	83.78	132.05
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	675.43	...	130.43	...
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	498.39	...	135.05	...
Living in a private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting	724.77	1,294.41	179.77	477.41

NOTES: A caretaker supplement is provided for children: \$250 for first child; \$150 for each additional child.

... = not applicable.

a. Includes individuals in private medical facilities who receive less than 50 percent of cost of care from Medicaid.

DEFINITIONS:

Living independently. Includes recipients living in their own households, in private medical treatment facilities and receiving 50 percent or less of the cost of their care from SSI, or in nonmedical institutions. Also includes persons in medical facilities who are residing in a federal Code A living arrangement on the basis of their eligibility under section 1611(e)(1)(E).

Living in the household of another. Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement.

Living independently with an ineligible spouse. Includes recipients living in their own household with an ineligible spouse.

Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse. Includes recipients residing in a federal Code B living arrangement who have an ineligible spouse.

Living in a private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting. Restricted to recipients who require a supportive living arrangement and reside in private nonmedical group homes or in a natural residential setting with support. Eligibility is based on certification, on an individual basis, by the state.

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

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
All recipients	90,299 ^a	11,418	847	59,058	18,850
Living independently	61,842	8,188	442	36,619	16,593
Living in the household of another	3,846	361	64	2,798	623
Living independently with an ineligible spouse	5,102	635	62	4,401	4
Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse	65	12	0	53	0
Living in a private nonmedical group home or natural residential setting	19,318	2,222	279	15,187	1,630

a. Includes 126 blind children.

State Assistance for Special Needs

Administration

Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Support Living.

Special Needs Circumstances

State administers special needs supplementary payments to cover care in nonmedical facilities and natural residential settings. Recipients with dependent children are eligible for a higher level of supplementation.

Medicaid

Eligibility

Criteria: SSI program guidelines (Title XVI), Wisconsin Statute 49.77.

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.