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**Arkansas**

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***State Supplementation***

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***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

***Optional State Supplementation***

State does not provide optional supplementation.

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

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***State Assistance for Special Needs***

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State does not provide assistance for special needs.

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***Medicaid***

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***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 obtains this information.

## Louisiana

### State Supplementation

#### Minimum State Supplementation

**Administration:** Social Security Administration.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing.

**Effective date:** March 1, 1982

**Statutory basis for payment:** Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 133, 1980.

#### Funding

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** Local offices of the state Bureau of Health Services Financing and contractors.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all aged, blind, and disabled persons, including children, who reside in a nonpsychiatric Medicaid long-term care facility.

**Resource limitations:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

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

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Assistance for Special Needs

State provides assistance for special needs only to recipients who were determined eligible on or before December 1975.

### 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 obtains this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2004 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Medicaid facility	38.00	76.00	8.00	16.00

**DEFINITION:**

**Medicaid facility.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code D living arrangement.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2004**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
Medicaid facility	4,866	1,496	57	3,313

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## New Mexico

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NOTE: This information is for 2002. The state did not provide information for 2004.

### ***State Supplementation***

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#### ***Mandatory Minimum Supplementation***

**Administration:** State-administered through the county offices of the state Department of Human Services.

#### ***Optional State Supplementation***

**Administration:** State-administered through the county offices of the state Department of Human Services.

**Effective date:** July 1, 1976.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Chapter 51, Laws of 1976.

#### **Funding**

*Administration:* State funds.

*Assistance:* State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining payment levels.

**Place of application:** County offices of the state Department of Human Services.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional state supplement provided to all SSI recipients who reside in a licensed adult residential care home.

**Resource limitations:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

**Interim assistance:** State participates.

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

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

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#### ***Administration***

County offices of the state Department of Human Services (state-administered).

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

Burial expenses provided for SSI recipients, including disabled recipients who received special monthly benefits under section 1619(a) of the Social Security Act. Payment of up to \$200 toward funeral expenses if available resources of the deceased are insufficient to cover costs and no other person will assume expenses. No payment is made when resources available from all sources total \$600 or more.

### ***Medicaid***

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#### ***Eligibility***

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

#### ***Medically Needy Program***

State does not provide a program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

#### ***Unpaid Medical Expenses***

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2004 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Licensed adult residential care home	664.00	1,046.00	100.00	200.00

NOTES: Payment amounts are estimates based on the federal benefit rates for 2004.

Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to the aged, blind, and disabled. Recipients living in a Medicaid facility who have other sources of income are allowed to keep \$45 a month as a personal needs allowance. Recipients living in an intermediate care facility for mental retardation and working in a sheltered workshop can keep up to \$100 a month of their earnings in addition to the \$45 a month.

DEFINITION:

**Licensed adult residential care home.** Includes no more than 15 persons who reside in a home-like atmosphere and receive assistance with activities of daily life.

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

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
Licensed adult residential care home	199	--	--	--

NOTES: Data are for 2002. The state did not provide data for 2004.

-- = not available.

## Oklahoma

Indian and is held by the original allottee, is disregarded. Prepaid funeral contracts are also disregarded when the recipient has signed an irrevocable contract up to \$7,500.

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI earned income exclusions used. No unearned income is excluded.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

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

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

### State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

### 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.

### State Supplementation

#### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services.

#### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services. Payments are made under the Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Totally and Permanently Disabled program.

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

**Statutory basis for payment:** Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, Article XXV.

#### Funding

**Administration:** State funds.

**Assistance:** State funds.

**Passalong method:** Maintaining total expenditures.

**Place of application:** Local county offices of the state Department of Human Services or physicians' offices.

**Scope of coverage:** Optional supplement provided to all needy aged, blind, and disabled persons living independently. Blind and disabled children are eligible for supplementation.

**Resource limitations:** Federal SSI regulations apply. In addition, the value of original Indian allotments, land purchased from allotment proceeds, and land purchased from funds granted to the Indian in lieu of original allotment, provided the land is held in trust for the

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2004 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Living independently	614.00	946.00	50.00	100.00

**DEFINITION:**

**Living independently.** Includes recipients residing in federal Codes A, B, and C living arrangements with the exception of those residing in nursing homes or hospitals.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2004**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	
				Adults	Children
Living independently	74,354	19,670	487	49,792	4,405

# Texas

## State Supplementation

### Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

### Optional State Supplementation

**Administration:** State Department of Human Services.

**Effective date:** September 1, 1999.

**Statutory basis for payment:** Texas Human Resources Code, section 32.024(V).

#### 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 all SSI recipients residing in nursing or intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded and whose countable income is less than \$60.

**Resource limitations:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

**Income exclusions:** Federal SSI regulations apply.

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

**Financial responsibility of relatives:** None.

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

**Payment levels:** See Table 1.

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

## State Assistance for Special Needs

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

## Medicaid

### Eligibility

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

**Determined by:** Social Security Administration.

### Medically Needy Program

State provides a program for families and children.

### Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

**Table 1.**  
**Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2004 (in dollars)**

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Medicaid facility	45.00	a	15.00	a

a. Couples residing in this living arrangement for more than 30 days are treated like two individuals.

DEFINITION:

**Medicaid facility.** Includes recipients residing in a federal Code D living arrangement.

**Table 2.**  
**Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2004**

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
Medicaid facility	10,611	2,901	138	7,572