

## Payment level

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Federal benefit rates, January 1990

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$386.00	\$579.00
One-third reduction <sup>2</sup>	257.34	386.00
In Medicaid facility <sup>3</sup>	30.00	--
Essential person increment <sup>4</sup>	193.00	--

## STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

This assistance is for emergency or special conditions not covered by monthly SSI or optional State supplementary payments. Disaster benefits, burial expenses, additional subsidies for institutional care, and moving expenses are included in this category.

### Administration

The governmental unit responsible for administering these payments is indicated.

### Special need circumstances

The special need circumstances (recurring and nonrecurring) for which assistance can be approved are defined. Where available, eligibility requirements and payment limitations are described.

<sup>2</sup> The value of the reduction (VTR) used to decrease the Federal benefit rate (amount for living independently) if the recipient lives in another person's household for a full calendar month and receives both food and shelter from that person.

<sup>3</sup> When Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care.

<sup>4</sup> The additional amount included in a recipient's check to cover the needs of a household member who provides essential care and services to the recipient and whose needs were previously taken into account in determining the recipient's assistance payment under a State plan approved by title I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act.

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### FEDERAL BENEFIT RATES, JANUARY 1991

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$407.00	\$610.00
One-third reduction <sup>2</sup>	271.34	406.67
In Medicaid facility <sup>3</sup>	30.00	--
Essential person increment <sup>4</sup>	204.00	--

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### **Federal benefit rates, January 1992**

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$422.00	\$633.00
Living in household of another <sup>2</sup>	281.34	422.00
In Medicaid facility <sup>3</sup>	30.00	--
Essential person increment <sup>4</sup>	211.00	--

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<sup>3</sup> When Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care.

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### **Federal benefit rates, January 1994**

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$446.00	\$669.00
Living in household of another <sup>2</sup>	297.34	446.00
In Medicaid facility <sup>3</sup>	30.00	--
Essential person increment <sup>4</sup>	223.00	--

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### **Federal benefit rates, January 1995**

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$458.00	\$687.00
Living in household of another <sup>2</sup>	305.34	458.00
In Medicaid facility <sup>3</sup>	30.00	--
Essential person increment <sup>4</sup>	229.00	--

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### **Federal benefit rates, January 1996**

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$470.00	\$705.00
Living in household of another <sup>2</sup>	313.34	470.00
In Medicaid facility <sup>3</sup>	30.00	--
Essential person increment <sup>4</sup>	235.00	--

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### **Federal benefit rates, January 1997**

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$484.00	\$726.00
Living in household of another <sup>2</sup>	322.67	484.00
In medical care facility <sup>3</sup>	30.00	--
Essential person increment <sup>4</sup>	242.00	--

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### **Federal benefit rates, January 1998**

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$494.00	\$741.00
Living in household of another <sup>2</sup>	329.34	494.00
In medical care facility <sup>3</sup>	30.00	--
Essential person increment <sup>4</sup>	247.00	--

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### **Federal benefit rates, January 1999**

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$500.00	\$751.00
Living in household of another <sup>2</sup>	333.34	500.67
In medical care facility <sup>3</sup>	30.00	---
Essential person increment <sup>4</sup>	250.00	---

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### **Federal benefit rates, January 2000**

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$512.00	\$769.00
Living in household of another <sup>2</sup>	341.34	512.67
In medical care facility <sup>3</sup>	30.00	---
Essential person increment <sup>4</sup>	257.00	---

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payments, and income received infrequently or irregularly.

States that elect federal administration must exclude at least the amounts excluded by the federal program and may exclude more. Countable income is deducted first from the federal payment. Any income that remains to be counted after the federal payment is reduced to zero is deducted from the state supplementary payment.

States with state-administered programs can establish their own income exclusions of any amount and type. In most states, the supplementary payment is added to the federal amount, and countable income is deducted first from the federal payment, as in states with federal administration. In a few states, however, the supplement takes the form of a state-guaranteed income amount that exceeds the federal benefit.

**Recoveries, liens, and assignments.** Provisions of state supplementation plans governing recovery of assistance payments and assumption of a recipient's property by the agency. As a condition of providing assistance, a state may require that a lien be placed on a recipient's property. Such a requirement does not affect a person's eligibility or payment status for federal SSI benefits or federally administered state supplementary payments.

**Financial responsibility of relatives.** State supplementation provisions that govern the responsibility of relatives for providing economic support and returning overpayments.

**Interim assistance reimbursement (IAR).** The Social Security Administration may reimburse a state that has provided basic needs assistance to an individual during the period in which either the person's application for SSI was pending or his or her

SSI benefits were suspended or terminated. The individual's retroactive SSI payment is sent to the state as reimbursement if:

- The state has an agreement with SSA to participate in the IAR program;
- The individual has given SSA written authorization to have his or her retroactive payment sent to the state as reimbursement; and
- The individual is found eligible for SSI payments or has had his or her benefits reinstated for the same period of suspension or termination.

**Payment levels.** Both the maximum state supplementary payments and the combined maximum federal and state payments that can be awarded to recipients without countable income are presented according to the state-designated living arrangements. Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled recipients. The federal benefit rates that are included in the combined payment levels became effective January 2004 and are given in the table below.

In states where the SSI payments are federally administered, each living arrangement is described according to the following federal living arrangements. The state may also have other living arrangements. States that administer the SSI payment have the option to supplement and determine their own definitions of living arrangements.

**Federal Code A.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in their own household whether or not they are receiving in-kind support and maintenance;
- Live in a foster or family care situation;
- Have no permanent living arrangement (for example, a transient);

#### **Federal benefit rates, January 2004 (in dollars)**

Living arrangements	Individual	Couple	Essential person <sup>a</sup>
Living independently	564.00	846.00	282.00
Living in the household of another <sup>b</sup>	376.00	564.00	188.00
Living in a Medicaid facility <sup>c</sup>	30.00	60.00	...

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- This represents the additional amount included in a recipient's check to cover the needs of a household member who provides essential care and services to the recipient and whose needs were previously taken into account in determining the recipient's assistance payment under a state plan approved under titles I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act.
- If the recipient lives in another person's household for a full calendar month and receives both food and shelter from that person, the federal benefit rate (amounts for living independently) is reduced by one-third.
- Includes eligible persons who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of their care. It also includes eligible children under age 18 who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid, or a combination of Medicaid and private insurance, is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care.

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- Live in a foster or family care situation;
- Have no permanent living arrangement (for example, a transient);
- Live in an institution (except inmates of public institutions) for all or part of a month provided that Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care; or
- Live alone with a child, spouse, or persons whose income may be deemed to the eligible person.

It also includes eligible persons for whom Codes B, C, and D do not apply.

**Federal Code B.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in a household other than their own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not their child, their spouse, or an ineligible person whose income is deemed to them; and
- Receive food and shelter from within that household.

The Code A payment standard is reduced by one-third for people in federal Code B living arrangements.

**Federal Code C.** Includes eligible children under age 18 who live in the same household as their parents (that is, deeming applies). The payment standard is the same as in Code A.

#### Federal benefit rates, January 2005 (in dollars)

Living arrangements	Individual	Couple	Essential person <sup>a</sup>
Living independently	579.00	869.00	290.00
Living in the household of another <sup>b</sup>	386.00	579.34	193.34
Living in a Medicaid facility <sup>c</sup>	30.00	60.00	...

NOTE: . . . = not applicable.

- a. This represents the additional amount included in a recipient's check to cover the needs of a household member who provides essential care and services to the recipient and whose needs were previously taken into account in determining the recipient's assistance payment under a state plan approved under titles I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act.
- b. If the recipient lives in another person's household for a full calendar month and receives both food and shelter from that person, the federal benefit rate (amounts for living independently) is reduced by one-third.
- c. Includes eligible persons who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of their care. It also includes eligible children under age 18 who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid, or a combination of Medicaid and private insurance, is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care.

that has provided basic needs assistance to an individual during the period in which either the person's application for SSI was pending or his or her SSI benefits were suspended or terminated. The individual's retroactive SSI payment is sent to the state as reimbursement if:

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- The individual has given SSA written authorization to have his or her retroactive payment sent to the state as reimbursement; and
- The individual is found eligible for SSI payments or has had his or her benefits reinstated for the same period of suspension or termination.

**Payment calculation method.** The state determines the method by which it calculates payments and what, if anything, will affect the payment.

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ments. States that administer the SSI payment have the option to supplement and determine their own definitions of living arrangements.

**Federal Code A.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in their own household whether or not they are receiving in-kind support and maintenance;
- Live in a foster or family care situation;
- Have no permanent living arrangement (for example, a transient);
- Live in an institution (except inmates of public institutions) for all or part of a month, provided that Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care; or
- Live alone with a child, spouse, or persons whose income may be deemed to the eligible person.

It also includes eligible persons for whom Codes B, C, and D do not apply.

**Federal Code B.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in a household other than their own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not their child, their spouse, or an ineligible person whose income is deemed to them; and
- Receive food and shelter from within that household.

The Code A payment standard is reduced by one-third for people in federal Code B living arrangements.

**Federal Code C.** Includes eligible children under age 18 who live in the same household as their parents (that is, deeming applies). The payment standard is the same as in Code A.

#### **Federal benefit rates, January 2006 (in dollars)**

Living arrangements	Individual	Couple	Essential person <sup>a</sup>
Living independently	603.00	904.00	302.00
Living in the household of another <sup>b</sup>	402.00	602.67	201.33
Living in a Medicaid facility <sup>c</sup>	30.00	60.00	...

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. This represents the additional amount included in a recipient's check to cover the needs of a household member who provides essential care and services to the recipient and whose needs were previously taken into account in determining the recipient's assistance payment under a state plan approved under titles I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act.
- b. If the recipient lives in another person's household for a full calendar month and receives both food and shelter from that person, the federal benefit rate (amounts for living independently) is reduced by one-third.
- c. Includes eligible persons who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of their care. It also includes eligible children under age 18 who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid, or a combination of Medicaid and private insurance, is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care.

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**Interim assistance reimbursement (IAR).** The Social Security Administration may reimburse a state that has provided basic needs assistance to an individual during the period in which either the person's application for SSI was pending or his or her SSI benefits were suspended or terminated. The individual's retroactive SSI payment is sent to the state as reimbursement if:

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- The individual has given SSA written authorization to have his or her retroactive payment sent to the state as reimbursement; and
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ments. The state may also have other living arrangements. States that administer the SSI payment have the option to supplement and determine their own definitions of living arrangements.

**Federal Code A.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in their own household whether or not they are receiving in-kind support and maintenance;
- Live in a foster or family care situation;
- Have no permanent living arrangement (for example, a transient);
- Live in an institution (except inmates of public institutions) for all or part of a month, provided that Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care; or
- Live alone with a child, spouse, or persons whose income may be deemed to the eligible person.

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**Federal Code B.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in a household other than their own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not their child, their spouse, or an ineligible person whose income is deemed to them; and
- Receive food and shelter from within that household.

The Code A payment standard is reduced by one-third for people in federal Code B living arrangements.

**Federal Code C.** Includes eligible children under age 18 who live in the same household as their parents (that is, deeming applies). The payment standard is the same as in Code A.

#### Federal benefit rates, January 2007 (in dollars)

Living arrangements	Individual	Couple	Essential person <sup>a</sup>
Living independently	623.00	934.00	312.00
Living in the household of another <sup>b</sup>	415.34	622.67	207.67
Living in a Medicaid facility <sup>c</sup>	30.00	60.00	...

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

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- b. If the recipient lives in another person's household for a full calendar month and receives both food and shelter from that person, the federal benefit rate (amounts for living independently) is reduced by one-third.
- c. Includes eligible persons who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of their care. It also includes eligible children under age 18 who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid, or a combination of Medicaid and private insurance, is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care.

person's application for SSI was pending or his or her SSI benefits were suspended or terminated. The individual's retroactive SSI payment is sent to the state as reimbursement if:

- The state has an agreement with SSA to participate in the IAR program;
- The individual has given SSA written authorization to have his or her retroactive payment sent to the state as reimbursement; and
- The individual is found eligible for SSI payments or has had his or her benefits reinstated for the same period of suspension or termination.

**Payment calculation method.** States with state administration determine the method by which payments are calculated and what, if anything, will affect the payment. States with federal administration follow federal guidelines.

**Payment levels.** The maximum state supplementary payments and the combined maximum federal and state payments that can be awarded to recipients without countable income are presented, by state-designated living arrangements, in Table 1 in each state summary. Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled recipients. The federal benefit rates that are included in the combined payment levels became effective January 2008 (unless otherwise stated) and are given in the table below.

In states where the SSI payments are federally administered, each living arrangement is described according to the following federal living arrangements. The state may also have other living arrangements. States that administer the SSI payment

have the option to supplement and determine their own definitions of living arrangements.

**Federal Code A.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in their own household whether or not they are receiving in-kind support and maintenance;
- Live in a foster or family care situation;
- Have no permanent living arrangement (for example, a transient);
- Live in an institution (except inmates of public institutions) for all or part of a month, provided that Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care; or
- Live alone with a child, spouse, or persons whose income may be deemed to the eligible person.

It also includes eligible persons for whom Codes B, C, and D do not apply.

**Federal Code B.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in a household other than their own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not their child, their spouse, or an ineligible person whose income is deemed to them; and
- Receive food and shelter from within that household.

The Code A payment standard is reduced by one-third for people in federal Code B living arrangements.

**Federal Code C.** Includes eligible children under age 18 who live in the same household as their parents (that is, deeming applies). The payment standard is the same as in Code A.

#### Federal benefit rates, January 2008 (in dollars)

Living arrangements	Individual	Couple	Essential person <sup>a</sup>
Living independently	637.00	956.00	319.00
Living in the household of another <sup>b</sup>	424.67	637.34	212.67
Living in a Medicaid facility <sup>c</sup>	30.00	60.00	...

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- This represents the additional amount included in a recipient's check to cover the needs of a household member who provides essential care and services to the recipient and whose needs were previously taken into account in determining the recipient's assistance payment under a state plan approved under titles I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act.
- If the recipient lives in another person's household for a full calendar month and receives both food and shelter from that person, the federal benefit rate (amounts for living independently) is reduced by one-third.
- Includes eligible persons who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of their care. It also includes eligible children under age 18 who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid, or a combination of Medicaid and private insurance, is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care.

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In states where the SSI payments are federally administered, each living arrangement is described according to the following federal living arrangements. The state may also have other living arrangements. States that administer the SSI payment

have the option to supplement and determine their own definitions of living arrangements.

**Federal Code A.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in their own household whether or not they are receiving in-kind support and maintenance;
- Live in a foster or family care situation;
- Have no permanent living arrangement (for example, a transient);
- Live in an institution (except inmates of public institutions) for all or part of a month, provided that Medicaid does not pay more than 50 percent of the cost of their care; or
- Live alone with a child, spouse, or persons whose income may be deemed to the eligible person.

It also includes eligible persons for whom Codes B, C, and D do not apply.

**Federal Code B.** Includes eligible persons who:

- Live in a household other than their own throughout a month with at least one other person who is not their child, their spouse, or an ineligible person whose income is deemed to them; and
- Receive food and shelter from within that household.

The Code A payment standard is reduced by one-third for people in federal Code B living arrangements.

**Federal Code C.** Includes eligible children under age 18 who live in the same household as their parents (that is, deeming applies). The payment standard is the same as in Code A.

#### **Federal benefit rates, January 2011 (in dollars)**

Living arrangements	Individual	Couple	Essential person <sup>a</sup>
Living independently	674.00	1,011.00	338.00
Living in the household of another <sup>b</sup>	449.34	674.00	225.33
Living in a Medicaid facility <sup>c</sup>	30.00	60.00	...

NOTE: ... = not applicable.

- a. This represents the additional amount included in a recipient's check to cover the needs of a household member who provides essential care and services to the recipient and whose needs were previously taken into account in determining the recipient's assistance payment under a state plan approved under titles I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act.
- b. If the recipient lives in another person's household for a full calendar month and receives both food and shelter from that person, the federal benefit rate (amounts for living independently) is reduced by one-third.
- c. Includes eligible persons who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of their care. It also includes eligible children under age 18 who live in a public or private medical institution throughout a month and Medicaid, or a combination of Medicaid and private insurance, is paying more than 50 percent of the cost of care.