

Alabama

State Supplementation

Mandatory Minimum Supplementation

No recipients.

Optional State Supplementation

Administration: County Departments of Human Resources.

Effective date: January 1, 1974.

Statutory basis for payment: Code of Alabama 1975 as amended, title 38.

Funding

Administration: State funds.

Assistance: State funds.

Passalong method: Maintaining payment levels.

Place of application: County Departments of Human Resources.

Scope of coverage: Optional state supplement provided to SSI recipients (including children) and to certain grandfathered aged, blind, and disabled persons who would receive SSI payments except for their income level and are residing in the specified living arrangements.

Resource limitations: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Income exclusions: Federal SSI regulations apply.

Recoveries, liens, and assignments: None.

Financial responsibility of relatives: Spouse for spouse; parent or stepparent for minor child.

Interim assistance: State does not participate.

Payment calculation method: Countable income is deducted from the federal payment, and the full state supplement is added to the remaining payment.

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 does not provide a program for the medically needy.

Unpaid Medical Expenses

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

Table 1.
Optional state supplementation payment levels, January 2006 (in dollars)

Living arrangement	Combined federal and state		State supplementation	
	Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
Receiving IHC in a private home or a personal care home				
Level of independence A	663.00	1,024.00	60.00	120.00
Level of independence B	659.00	1,016.00	56.00	112.00
Receiving IHC and support and maintenance in a private home or personal care home				
Level of independence A	462.00	722.67	60.00	120.00
Level of independence B	458.00	714.67	56.00	112.00
Receiving specialized IHC in a private home or personal care home	663.00	1,024.00	60.00	120.00
Receiving specialized IHC and support and maintenance in a private home or personal care home	462.00	722.67	60.00	120.00
Foster home with IHC or specialized IHC	713.00	1,124.00	110.00	220.00
Cerebral palsy treatment center (disabled)	799.00	1,296.00	196.00	392.00

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs; state information.

NOTE: A licensed physician must recommend independent home-life care (IHC) or specialized IHC, and someone must actually provide and receive payment for the care. The care provider cannot be an immediate relative and must be employed by a certified home health agency.

DEFINITIONS:

Personal care home. A domiciliary facility that provides care for four or more unrelated persons and is licensed by the Alabama Department of Health.

Foster home. A domiciliary facility licensed or approved by the Alabama Department of Human Resources in accordance with state foster home provisions.

Cerebral palsy treatment center (disabled). A domiciliary care facility for the treatment of cerebral palsy that is licensed by the Alabama Department of Health.

Table 2.
Number of persons receiving optional state supplementation, January 2006

Living arrangement	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled
All recipients	368	133	5	230
Receiving IHC in a private home or a personal care home	--	--	--	--
Receiving IHC and support and maintenance in a private home or personal care home	--	--	--	--
Receiving specialized IHC in a private home or personal care home	--	--	--	--
Receiving specialized IHC and support and maintenance in a private home or personal care home	--	--	--	--
Foster home with IHC or specialized IHC	--	--	--	--
Cerebral palsy treatment center (disabled)	--	--	--	--

SOURCE: State information.

NOTES: Includes certain grandfathered, non-SSI recipients who meet state eligibility criteria.

IHC = independent home-life care; -- = not available.