

# State Supplementary Assistance



## Purpose

State Supplementary Assistance (SSA) helps low-income elderly or disabled Iowans meet basic needs and reduces state spending for Medicaid.

## Who Is Helped

SSA eligibility criteria include:

- Requirements about disability or age as defined by the Social Security standards.
- Receipt or eligibility to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- Citizenship and residency.
- Limitations on income and assets.

There are seven SSA groups.

75 percent of SSA recipients are in the Supplement for Medicare and Medicaid Eligible (SMME) group. While providing a \$1 monthly payment to the person, it saves the state money that would otherwise be paid by the state for the recipients' Medicare Part B premiums.

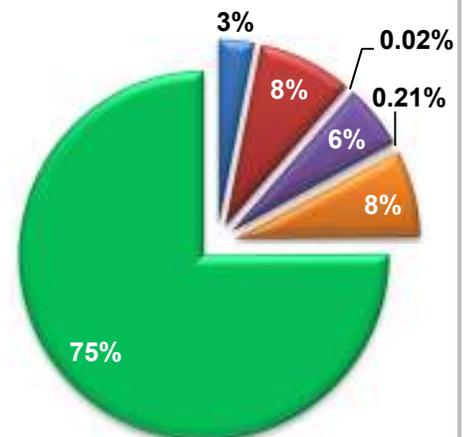
In SFY12 an average of 17,907 cases received an SSA benefit. A case may be a single person or a couple if living together.

Examples of the monthly income requirements:

- Residential facility, monthly income of \$991 or less.
- In-Home Health Related- Care, monthly income of \$1,178 or less.
- Blind, monthly income of \$698 or less.

## Recipients by Coverage Group SFY12

- Blind Allowance
- Dependent Person Allowance
- Family Life Home
- In-Home Health-Related Care
- Mandatory State Supplement
- RCF Assistance
- SMME Assistance



✓ *In addition to receiving SSA, most recipients also receive Medicaid.*

<p><b>Services</b></p>	<p>State Supplementary payments provide cash payments to help meet basic needs.</p> <p>Individuals receiving In-Home Health-Related Care, Residential Care Facility, and Family Life Home services help pay for the cost of their care through an assessed client participation amount. SSA pays the difference between the actual cost of care and the client payment amount.</p> <p>Monthly benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dependent Person Allowance, up to \$357.</li> <li>• In-Home Health-Related Care (IHHC), up to \$480.</li> <li>• Blind Allowance, up to \$22.</li> <li>• Mandatory Supplement, an average of just over \$100.</li> <li>• Supplement for Medicare and Medicaid (SMME) Eligible, \$1 per month.</li> <li>• Residential Care Facility (RCF) Assistance, up to \$991.</li> <li>• Family Life Home Payment, up to \$142.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Expenditures by Coverage Groups in SFY12</b></p> <table border="1"> <caption>Expenditures by Coverage Groups in SFY12</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Coverage Group</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Family Life Home</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SMME</td> <td>0.26%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mandatory Supplement</td> <td>0.04%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RCF</td> <td>28%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IHHC</td> <td>35%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dependent Person</td> <td>35%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Coverage Group	Percentage	Family Life Home	1%	SMME	0.26%	Mandatory Supplement	0.04%	RCF	28%	IHHC	35%	Dependent Person	35%
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<p><b>Goals &amp; Strategies</b></p>	<p>Goal: Provide Access to Health Care Services Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access federal dollars for payment of Medicare Part B premiums for more Medicaid members through the SMME coverage group</li> <li>• Continue to provide assistance in the least restrictive setting for elderly and disabled recipients</li> </ul>	<p>Results in SFY12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased the number of SMME participants by 3 percent to further decrease the amount the state pays for the Medicare Part B premiums for those individuals.</li> </ul>														
<p><b>Cost of Services</b></p>	<p>The average cost of providing SSA varies greatly between coverage groups, ranging from \$12 annually for SMME Assistance to \$5,517 for persons receiving In-Home Health-Related Care Assistance.</p>															
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>SFY 2014 total budget for State Supplementary Assistance is \$16,512,174.</p> <p>Funding is entirely from the state general fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>State Supplementary Assistance is funded with 100 percent state dollars and is used to meet the Medicaid federal Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement.</i></li> <li>✓ <i>This MOE will continue even if the expansion of the Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act is implemented.</i></li> </ul>															

<p><b>SFY 2014 &amp; 2015 Budget Drivers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SFY 14 budget of \$16,512,174 is a \$1,061,427 (6.9 percent) increase from the SFY13 appropriation of \$15,450,747.</li> <li>The SFY 15 budget of \$16,858,772 is a \$346,598 (2.1 percent) increase from the SFY 14 budget of \$16,512,174</li> </ul> <p>The key budget drivers of the increase are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federally mandated increases to the payment levels for RCF and Dependent Person assistance based on SSI COLA increases.</li> <li>Availability of services received in someone's own home, either by family member, friend, or someone else. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is partially offset by projected decreases to the number of eligibles for RCF and IHHRC.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Total Budget Funding</b></p> <table border="1"> <caption>Total Budget Funding (Millions)</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Fiscal Year</th> <th>State General Fund (Millions)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>SFY13</td> <td>15.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SFY14 est</td> <td>16.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SFY15 est</td> <td>16.86</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Fiscal Year	State General Fund (Millions)	SFY13	15.45	SFY14 est	16.51	SFY15 est	16.86
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<p><b>Legal Basis</b></p>	<p><b>Federal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSA benefits are a MOE requirement for the Medicaid program.</li> <li>Code of Federal Regulations: 20 CFR 416.2095 and 416.2096</li> </ul> <p><b>State:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iowa Code Chapter 249</li> <li>Iowa Administrative Code 441 IAC Chapters, 50-54 and 177</li> </ul>									