

STATE SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

IN CONNECTICUT

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

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COVERED GROUPS

An individual must be

- age 65 and older; or
- disabled between the age of 18 and 65; or
- blind

In addition, the individual must have a source of income such as Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in order to qualify for assistance under the State Supplement program. Those individuals who do not have a source of income are generally assisted by the State Administered General Assistance program.

NON-FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

An individual must be:

- a US citizen or eligible alien
- a resident of Connecticut

An individual must:

- provide a Social Security number
- cooperate in establishing eligibility
- assign claims to possible sources of income or resources
- agree to the placing of a lien on home property
- sign a security mortgage against non-home property

An individual must not have transferred assets in order to qualify for assistance.

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FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

Asset Limit

\$1,600.00 per individual

\$2,400.00 per married couple

Income Limit

The monthly limit is computed on an individual basis, using the following standards of basic needs:

- Actual rent up to a maximum of:
\$400.00 (if living alone)
\$200.00 (if sharing shelter costs)
- Personal needs allowance of \$164.10 for an individual residing in non-rated housing or \$165.10 for a married individual residing with his or her spouse in non-rated housing.

or

- The actual approved rate for a licensed boarding facility (Residential Care Facility)
- Personal needs allowance of \$28.90

Regardless of need, an individual's gross income may not exceed \$2,022.00 per month.

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INCOME DISREGARDS AND WORK EXPENSES

Unearned Income Disregard

Sharing with non-relative	\$345.90 effective 1/1/09
Community	\$278.00 effective 1/1/09
Licensed Boarding Arrangement	\$185.70 effective 1/1/09

Earned Income Disregard and Deductions

A. The following adjustments are used for:

- Applicants for AD and OAA
- Recipients of OAA who did not receive AD or AB in the month before they became 65 years old

1. \$65.00 per month, plus
2. 1/2 of the remaining income

B. These adjustments are used for:

- Recipients of AD
- Recipients of OAA who received AD in the month before they became 65 years old

1. \$65.00 per month, plus
2. 1/2 of the remaining income after impairment related expenses are deducted.

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INCOME DISREGARDS AND WORK EXPENSES (continued)

C. These adjustments are used for:

- Applicants for AB
 - Recipients of AB
 - Recipients of OAA who received AB in the month before they became 65 years old
1. \$85.00 per month, plus
 2. 1/2 of the remaining income

Work Expenses

Deduct the following for blind applicants and recipients only after the earned income disregard has been subtracted:

- non-personal work expenses (tools, uniforms, etc.)
- withholding tax
- Social Security tax
- group life and health insurance
- payments for mandatory retirement plans
- lunch allowance of \$.50 per day
- transportation allowance of \$.20 per mile
- mandatory union dues

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INCOME DISREGARDS AND WORK EXPENSES (continued)

Impairment-Related Work Expenses

Impairment-related work expenses include, but are not limited to the following:

attendant services including help with personal or employment functions;

medical equipment such as canes, crutches, pacemakers and hemodialysis equipment;

prosthetic devices;

work-related equipment which enables the individual to function on the job, such as one-hand typewriters, telecommunication devices for the deaf and special tools necessitated by the impairment;

modifications to the residence of the individual which can be associated with maintaining employment in or outside the home, except when claimed as a business expense by a self-employed person;

non-medical equipment which can be associated with enabling the individual to be employed;

drugs and medical services directly related to reducing, controlling or eliminating an impairment or its symptoms;

all other miscellaneous expenses not cited above but which can be associated with enabling the individual to be employed including transportation, medical supplies, vehicular modifications, etc.;

the cost of installing, repairing and maintaining the cited equipment and supplies.

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CALCULATION OF COUNTABLE INCOME

Unearned Income (AD,OAA,AB)

Gross Monthly Income (unearned)
-Disregard
Monthly Countable Income

Earned Income

- For Applicants/Recipients of OAA who did not receive AD, AB or SSI in the month before turning 65 years old:

Gross Monthly Earnings
 65.00
Remainder
 ½ of the Remainder
Monthly Countable Earnings

- For Applicants/Recipients of AD or applicants/recipients of OAA who received AD or SSI for the disabled in the month before turning 65 years old:

Gross Monthly Earnings
 65.00
Remainder
-Impairment Related Expenses
Adjusted Remainder
-½ of the Adjusted Remainder
Monthly Countable Earnings

- For Applicants/Recipients of AB or applicants/recipients of OAA who received AB or SSI for the blind in the month before turning 65 years old:

Gross Monthly Earnings
 85.00
Remainder
 ½ of the Remainder
Adjusted Remainder
- Personal Employment Expenses
- Impairment Related Expenses
Monthly Countable Earnings

If countable income is less than the individually computed income level, there is eligibility.

The amount of assistance is equal to the difference between the income level (total needs) and the countable income.

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LICENSED BOARDING HOMES – (Residential Care Facilities)

Income Level (Total Needs)

Boarding Home Rate
+ personal needs allowance (\$28.90)
Total Needs

Eligibility

If countable income is less than the total needs, there is eligibility.

The amount of assistance is equal to the difference between the total needs and the countable income.