



Just the Facts:

The Residential State Supplement

What is the Residential State Supplement?

Administered by the Ohio Department of Aging, the Residential State Supplement (RSS) provides a monetary supplement to low-income adults with disabilities who do not require nursing home care. On average, the state provides a cash supplement of \$470 per consumer each month for an annual cost of \$5,640. This assistance, along with the consumer's income, pays for an alternative living arrangement. RSS prevents premature or unnecessary institutionalization.

Who is eligible for RSS?

RSS consumers must be 18 years of age or older; not need 24 supervision; require a residential placement and support services; meet financial eligibility; require a protective level of care; and require less than 120 days of skilled nursing care.

What are the financial eligibility criteria to participate in RSS?

Consumers living in a congregate facility may not have a monthly income greater than \$800 and consumers living in an Adult Family Home or Adult Foster Home may not have a monthly income greater than \$700. Consumers may not have more than \$1,500 in assets.

What types of services do RSS consumers receive?

RSS consumers receive Medicaid; residential case management from a registered nurse or licensed social worker; a monthly cash supplement to assist with the payment of rent; the services available at a licensed or certified home, which may include housekeeping, laundry, transportation, and security; and a monthly personal needs allowance of \$50.00.

Where do RSS consumers live?

Consumers must live in a certified Adult Foster Home, a licensed Adult Group Home, Community Alternative Home for individuals with AIDS; or Mental Health Residential Facility.

What is the process for participating in RSS?

Area Agencies on Aging screen and case manage services. Through the Pre-Admission Screening System, potential consumers receive a telephone screening and face-to-face assessment. A residential service plan is developed and the prospective consumer tours approved community housing arrangements. Once the potential consumer meets program eligibility requirements and finds approved housing, the consumer begins to receive the supplement. A case manager then monitors the consumer's residential service plan on a regular basis to reassess needs and make necessary service plan changes.

What are alternatives to RSS?

Finding affordable housing and care assistance is an obstacle for many RSS eligible individuals. Potential RSS consumers have been placed on waiting lists and many reside in nursing facilities, psychiatric hospitals, and homeless shelters.

Who do families contact if they are interested in RSS?

Families can contact their local Area Agency on Aging. Contact information for the Area Agencies is available at www.ohioaging.org.