



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5119.41 Residential state supplement program.

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(A) The department of behavioral health shall implement the residential state supplement program under which the state supplements the amounts received by aged, blind, or disabled adults as supplemental security income payments under Title XVI of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq., or as social security benefits or social security disability insurance benefits under Title II of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 401 et seq. Residential state supplement payments shall be used for the provision of accommodations, supervision, and personal care services to recipients of supplemental security income payments, social security benefits, and social security disability insurance benefits who the department determines are at risk of needing institutional care.

In implementing the program, the department may designate one or more entities to be responsible for providing administrative services regarding the program. The department may designate an entity either by entering into a contract with the entity to provide the services or by otherwise delegating to the entity the responsibility to provide the services.

(B) To be eligible for residential state supplement payments, an individual must satisfy all eligibility requirements established by rules adopted under this section.

(C) The director of behavioral health and the medicaid director shall adopt rules as necessary to implement the residential state supplement program, including the requirements that an individual must satisfy to be eligible for payments under the program. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

The rules adopted by the director of behavioral health may establish the method to be used to determine the payment an eligible individual will receive under the program. The amount the general assembly appropriates for the program may be a factor included in the method that director establishes.

To the extent permitted by Title XVI of the "Social Security Act" and any other provision of federal



law, the rules adopted by the medicaid director may establish standards for adjusting the eligibility requirements concerning the level of impairment an individual must have so that the amount appropriated for the program by the general assembly is adequate for the number of eligible individuals. The rules shall not limit the eligibility of individuals who are disabled solely on a basis classifying disabilities as physical or mental.

(D) The county department of job and family services of the county in which an applicant for the residential state supplement program resides or the department of medicaid shall determine whether the applicant meets income and resource requirements for the program.

The county department of job and family services or the department of medicaid shall notify each individual who is denied approval for payments under the program of the individual's right to a hearing. On request, the hearing shall be provided in accordance with section 5101.35 of the Revised Code.

(E) An individual in a licensed or certified living arrangement receiving state supplementation on November 15, 1990, under former section 5101.531 of the Revised Code shall not become ineligible for payments under this program solely by reason of the individual's living arrangement as long as the individual remains in the living arrangement in which the individual resided on November 15, 1990.