



# Residential State Supplement



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## Ohio's Residential State Supplement Program

### What is the Residential State Supplement Program?

The Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program provides financial assistance to adults with low incomes who have disabilities, but do not require long-term care at a nursing home. Consumers use RSS, which supplements their income, to pay for accommodations, supervision and personal care services at eligible community residences.

### Am I eligible to apply for RSS?

Eligible applicants should be:

- Age 18 or older;
- Enrolled in Medicaid (not a waiver program);
- Receiving Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Supplemental Security Disability Insurance (SSDI); and
- Currently receiving treatment in a nursing home and planning for discharge.

### What are the financial eligibility criteria?

- The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) administers the RSS Program and reviews all new applications. Once the RSS administrator has reviewed the forms, the applicant's information is forwarded to his or her local county Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) office for a financial eligibility determination. Once the CDJFS office determines that the applicant's income is within limits, the applicant is then enrolled in the RSS Program.
- Financial eligibility depends on the type of community residence selected by the applicant.
- Individuals who would like to live in an adult family or adult foster home may have a monthly income up to \$800.
- Individuals who would like to live in an adult group Home or assisted living may have a monthly income up to \$900.
- All applicants may have up to \$1,500 in assets, regardless of the type of community residence chosen.

**Please note that these figures are estimates; final financial eligibility is determined by the local CDJFS office.**

### What services does RSS provide?

Enrolled consumers receive a monthly financial supplement to help with the costs of accommodations, supervision and personal care services at eligible community residences. To remain enrolled, consumers must continue to meet all non-financial eligibility criteria and participate in annual financial eligibility redeterminations conducted by the local CDJFS office. Consumers also will continue to receive Medicaid benefits while enrolled in the RSS Program.

### What are eligible community residences?

Enrolled consumers may choose to live in adult family, foster or group homes licensed by OhioMHAS. They may also choose to live in residential care facilities or assisted living licensed by the Ohio Department of Health. For updated information about eligible community residences, visit the OhioMHAS website at [www.mha.ohio.gov](http://www.mha.ohio.gov).

### How do I apply for RSS?

All information about RSS, including application forms and instructions, is available at [www.mha.ohio.gov](http://www.mha.ohio.gov). Oftentimes, legal guardians, discharge planners and case managers submit applications on behalf of interested consumers. For assistance, contact the RSS administrator at [RSS@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:RSS@mha.ohio.gov) or toll-free at 1-855-777-6364.

### What happens after I am enrolled?

Once the application process has been completed, consumers or their representative will be contacted by the RSS administrator. The initial RSS benefit should be received within one month after moving into the eligible community residence. If the consumer has a representative payee or legal guardian, that individual or agency will receive the payment on the consumer's behalf.

Please contact the RSS administrator and local CDJFS office within 10 days if there is a change in the consumer's status. Examples of changes in status include, but are not limited to, moving to a different residence, admission to a nursing home or hospital ("bed hold") and changes in payeeship or guardianship. Status changes should be communicated as soon as possible to prevent delays in receiving RSS benefits.

### How do I access other services?

For mental health or alcohol and other drug (AoD) resources, please contact your local county board for available treatment providers. For information about long-term services for seniors, please call 1-866-243-5678 (toll-free) to be connected with your local area agency on aging (AAA). To contact your local county board of developmental disabilities, please call 1-800-617-6733 (toll-free).