

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION (OSS)

What is OSS?	Optional State Supplementation (OSS) is a cash assistance program that supplements the income of eligible individuals to help them pay for room and board. This program is administered by the Department of Children and Families, and is funded entirely by state general revenue. In most instances, the maximum monthly OSS payment is \$78.40.							
Legal Basis	Social Security Act: Title XVI, Section 1616 Code of Federal Regulation: 42 CFR, 435.232(b)*; 435.1006; and 435.1012 Florida Statute: 409.212 Florida Administrative Code: 65A-2							
Who can receive an OSS payment?	Individuals who are aged (65 and over), blind, or disabled adults (18-64) who reside in licensed assisted living facilities, adult family care homes, and mental health residential treatment facilities and meet the financial and other technical factors (such as citizenship/qualified noncitizen status, Florida residence) of eligibility. For individuals who qualify, the OSS payment is made to the individual or his/her representative payee. OSS is not paid to the provider or facility administrator unless this person is the individual's representative payee.							
Income/Asset Limits	Income: \$ 752.40 (individual) \$ 1504.80 (couple)	Assets: \$2000 (individual) \$3000 (couple)						
Applying for OSS	The <i>ACCESS Florida Application</i> (Form CF-ES 2337) is used to apply for OSS. An application must be filed in the month an applicant wants OSS. No OSS payment can be paid for months prior to the month the application is filed. The application is usually submitted to the ACCESS Program by the case manager, but can be submitted by facility staff. The case manager must complete a <i>Certification of Appropriate Placement for Optional State Supplementation</i> (CF-ES Form 1006) and submit it to ACCESS to certify the placement can best meet the individual's needs.							
Eligibility determined	An eligibility determination must be completed by the Department's Economic Self Sufficiency Program. The individual must meet certain financial and technical eligibility criteria, in addition to appropriate placement, before becoming eligible for an OSS payment. The ACCESS staff cannot complete the eligibility determination and authorize the OSS benefits until form 1006 is received from the case manager.							
Provider rate	The provider rate is the amount the recipient is expected to pay the facility. The provider rate is currently \$698.40 for individuals in Assisted Living Facilities, Adult Family Care Homes, and for Mental Health Residential Treatment Facilities enrolled as Medicaid providers of Assistive Care Services. Provider rates are set by the Department within funds appropriated by the Legislature.							
How the OSS payment is determined?	<p>OSS supplements an individual's other income. If there is no other income, the individual must apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits through the Social Security Administration. The individual may keep \$54 of his total gross income for personal needs allowance (PNA) and pay the remaining amount, along with the OSS payment to the provider for cost of care. See example below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="350 1717 1481 1839"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">\$674 (individual's gross SSI benefits)</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">\$698.40 (provider rate)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">- 54 (PNA)</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">- 620.00 (income available for cost of care)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">\$ 620.00 (available for cost of care)</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">\$ 78.40 (OSS Payment)</td> </tr> </table>		\$674 (individual's gross SSI benefits)	\$698.40 (provider rate)	- 54 (PNA)	- 620.00 (income available for cost of care)	\$ 620.00 (available for cost of care)	\$ 78.40 (OSS Payment)
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For more information	Contact the local Department of Children and Families Economic Self Sufficiency or Adult Protective Services Office: http://www.dcf.state.fl.us							