

You have the right to a hearing

If you think you have been denied eligibility unfairly for any reason, call, write, or come in to the Family Support Division office and request a hearing within 90 days after the decision. You will get a letter telling you the time, date, and place of the hearing. During the hearing, you can explain your situation and present evidence or be represented by an attorney, relative, or friend.

Anyone who feels discriminated against in the handling of a public welfare matter because of age, race, color, handicap, sex, religious creed, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran status, ancestry, or political belief, may file a complaint under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with the Department of Social Services, Family Support Division, PO Box 2320, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or the US Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201 or both the state and federal agencies.

Who to call

For more information about the Blind Pension and Supplemental Aid to the Blind programs, call

1-866-877-8155

To find more information on Rehabilitation Services for the Blind and how to apply, call

1-800-592-6004

To find out more about other programs and services you may qualify for, call the Family Support Division Info Line

1-855-373-4636



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Affirmative Action Employer and Provider.
Services are provided on a
non-discriminatory basis.

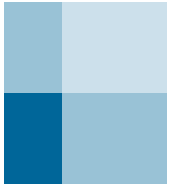
Blind Services



Supplemental Aid to the Blind

Blind Pension

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind



What is Rehabilitation Services for the Blind?

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) provides a wide range of programs and services to people with different degrees of visual impairment, ranging from those who cannot read regular print to those who are totally blind.

The goal of RSB is to help people with visual impairment take part and do their best in their home, community, school, and work.

Some of the services and programs include:

- Job training
- Orientation and mobility
- Independent living training
- Children's services
- Prevention of blindness
- Older blind services
- Transition services
- Business Enterprise Program
- Employer services and blindness education
- Screening and treatment programs

What is Supplemental Aid to the Blind?

Through the Supplemental Aid to the Blind (SAB) program, the state gives a monthly cash grant and MO HealthNet (Medicaid) health insurance coverage to people who qualify.

If you're approved for a program, you must tell the Family Support Division right away if these changes happen.

- If you regain your sight.
- If you become eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- If you get a job or lose a job.
- If you enter, or become a resident of, a hospital, nursing home or other institution.
- If you get married or divorced.
- If there is a change in your resources (if you buy, sell, or inherit real estate or get cash, bonds, notes or mortgages).

About your cash grant

- Checks are mailed on or around the 10th of each month.
- Direct Deposit is available so you can receive checks faster.
- If you move, you must contact us with your new address as the post office will not forward your check.

What is Blind Pension?

The Blind Pension (BP) program helps individuals who don't qualify for SAB and who aren't eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. The state gives a monthly cash grant and MO HealthNet (Medicaid) health insurance coverage to people who qualify.

Yearly reviews

About every 12 months, you will get an eligibility review (a form to fill out) from the Family Support Division to make sure you are still eligible. You may also have to get an eye exam after your first review.