**Wisconsin State Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Supplements Quiz**

Learning Objectives:

* Define SSI and state SSI supplements in Wisconsin and who is eligible to get them
* Describe what the Wisconsin State SSI Supplement includes
* Understand the eligibility criteria and how to apply for the Wisconsin SSI Exceptional Expense Supplement (SSI-E)
* Identify eligibility criteria, application, and appeal process for the Wisconsin Caregiver Supplement

1. **True or False: Supplemental Security Income (or SSI) is a monthly cash benefit paid by the federal Social Security Administration to people in financial need who are 65 years old or older or people of any age who are blind or disabled.**

Answer: True

1. **True or False. In Wisconsin, people who are eligible for a state SSI supplement must qualify for a federal SSI payment unless the individual was grandfathered in based on 1995 qualifications.**

Answer: True

Feedback: People can receive the state SSI supplement payment only if they qualify for a federal SSI payment. One exception is a small group of grandfathered SSI members who still receive the state SSI payment they qualified for in December of 1995.

1. **Which of the following are considered for State SSI eligibility? Choose all that apply:**
2. Assets such as the home the individual lives in and their car.
3. Income and assets under $2,000 for a single person.
4. Income and assets under $3,000 for married couples.
5. Factors such as living arrangement, income, and other factors.

Answer: A, B, C, D

Feedback: SSI payment amounts and State SSI supplement eligibility vary based upon a person’s income, living arrangements, and other factors. People may be eligible for SSI payments if they have little or no income and assets are under $2,000 for a single person or assets under $3,000 for a married couple. Certain assets, such as your home that you live in or car, do not count.

1. **True or False. Wisconsin State Supplement payments are a standard monthly amount for everyone who is eligible.**

Answer: True

1. **True or False:** **The Wisconsin State SSI Supplement is automatic paid to Wisconsin residents getting at least $1 in Federal SSI.**

Answer: True

Feedback: The Wisconsin State SSI Supplement is available to all Wisconsin residents getting at least $1 in Federal SSI. This payment is automatic. This means that there is no separate application for this benefit. If an individual is found eligible for at least $1 of Federal SSI from Social Security, they will automatically also be eligible for the Wisconsin State SSI Supplement.

1. **Which of the following are groups are eligible to receive the SSI Exceptional Expense Supplement (SSI-E) Supplement? Choose all that apply:**
2. Someone who lives in a licensed adult foster home with expenses greater than the SSI-E payment level.
3. An SSI recipient living on their own within a household where they do not pay household expenses.
4. An SSI recipient living on their own within a household where they do pay household expenses and need at least 40 hours of primary long term care support services each month.
5. Someone living in a Certified Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC) with expenses higher than the SSI-E payment level.

Answer: A, C, and D

1. **True or False? To apply for SSI-E, individuals must complete application materials and submit them to a certifying agency.**

Answer: True.

1. **True or False? The Caretaker Supplement (C-Sup or CTS) is a cash benefit offered by the State of Wisconsin to federal SSI recipients who care for and live with their minor children.**

Answer: True.

1. **Which of the following are eligibility criteria for the Caretaker Supplement? Choose all that apply:**
2. An individual who lives with their minor children who not receiving their own SSI.
3. An individual who is getting at least $1 in Federal SSI.
4. An individual who meets other non-financial and financial eligibility requirements.

Answer: All of these.

1. **True or False? Individuals have the right to appeal adverse Caretaker Supplement decisions within 45 days of the decision.**

Answer: True.