**111.1 Purpose**

Maryland Human Services Article §5–501 requires that if a household includes an individual who is at least **60 years old** and receives a federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit in an amount less than **$50 per month**, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to **$50 per month**.

Example: A MSS eligible household whose federal SNAP allotment is $30 would receive $20 in MSS equaling a total of $50 per month.

**111.2 Process**

The supplemental benefit automatically posts to the customer’s Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) account. Customers do not need to complete a new or separate application to apply for the supplemental benefit.

1. At the end of each month, the E&E System automatically identifies households eligible for the Minimum State Supplement (MSS) and determines the total amount of State Supplement benefits each household is eligible to receive for the **next calendar month**.
2. On their SNAP benefit issuance day of each month, the eligible households receive their State Supplement benefits along with their regular SNAP benefit in their EBT account. It appears as a separate additional SNAP benefit on the same issuance date.

**111.3 Special Circumstances for Case Processing**

If a household has an outstanding overpayment claim in recoupment, E&E supplements the difference between the **grant amount** (what the household would be receiving if not for the claim recoupment) and $50, not the difference of the **benefit amount** (what the household is actually receiving with the amount of the claim recoupment taken into account) and $50.

Example: If a household has a grant amount of $23 but an outstanding overpayment claim in recoupment that is recouping $10, the household's current benefit amount (the amount they actually receive) is $13. $50 less the $23 grant amount equals a MSS benefit of $27. The household will receive $13 in federal SNAP, $10 of the federal SNAP will be collected for recoupment of the existing claim, and $27 MSS for a total of $50, though $40 is the amount that will be issued to the customer.