

## Benefit Checklist (for Maine) March 2007

(Higher income limits may be retroactive to 4/1/07 indicated in parentheses, check with us in April)

### Couple / Two person household

- Our monthly income is **less than \$2,111** and one of us is older than 62 or we are disabled – You are probably eligible for Low Cost Drug Program. Saves you as much as 80% on generic prescription drugs, savings on some name brands specific to covered diseases also if you don't have Medicare yet. **If you do have Medicare, helps pay premium of Medicare Part D plan, lowers co-pay on name brand drugs under Medicare, pays 50% of Part D deductible, provides help on drug costs under Part D during any coverage gap (donut hole) period.**
- Our monthly income in 2005 was **less than \$8,500**. Age does not matter. You may qualify for the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program. If you paid property tax or rent in 2005, lived in Maine all the year of 2005, you might qualify for a refund. Deadline to apply for a 2005 refund is May 31, 2007. Application for 2006 may be made after August 1, 2007.
- Our monthly income is **less than \$1,870** one of us is at least 60 years old. You may qualify for Home Energy Assistance Program to help with home heating costs.
- Our monthly income is **less than \$1,815** and one of us is at least age 60. We have **less than \$3,000** in cash assets – You may be eligible for Food Stamps
- Our monthly income is **less than \$1,641** (\$2,110) and we receive Social Security – You may be eligible for Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1) or, if less than \$1,420 (\$1,939) for Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB). Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$93.50 each month, each person to your Social Security checks. You may also be eligible for extra benefits under the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. **NO ASSET LIMIT** for this benefit.
- Our monthly income is **less than \$1,241** (\$1,711) and we receive Social Security – You may be eligible for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$93.50 each month each person to your Social Security checks. Pays Medicare deductibles and co-payments saving you from buying Medicare supplements. You may also be eligible for extra benefits under the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. **NO ASSET LIMIT** for this benefit.
- Our monthly income is **less than \$1,241** and we are at least age 65 or are disabled. We have **less than \$15,000 in cash** and interest bearing bank accounts – You may be eligible for Maine Care. Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$93.50 each month to your Social Security check. Pays Medicare deductibles and co-payments saving you from buying Medicare supplements, helps with prescription drug costs, provides some dental care, pays for medical transportation.
- Our monthly income is **less than \$954** and we are at least age 65 or are disabled and we have **less than \$3,000 in cash** and interest bearing accounts – You may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). May provide some additional income and qualifies automatically for Maine Care benefits (see above).

For more information, an application for any benefit, or help completing an application contact Aroostook Agency on Aging,  
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