

Benefit Checklist (for Maine) October 2009-February 2010

Couple / Two person household

We have helped people put hundreds of dollars in their pocket every month.

Monthly income is gross income, all sources including Social Security. If Medicare Part B premium of \$96.40 is withheld from your Social Security, it must be added in as part of gross income.

Our monthly income is **less than \$2,247** 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 annual income in 2008 was **less than \$81,850**. 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 2008, lived in Maine all the year of 2008, you might qualify for a refund. Deadline to apply for a 2008 refund is June 1, 2010. Application for 2008 may be made after August 1, 2009.

Our monthly income is **less than \$2,792 and one of us is at least age 60**. You may qualify for **Home Energy Assistance** to help pay some of your winter fuel costs. Application may be made between September 1, 2009-April 30, 2010. Applications may be made between September 1, 2009-April 30, 2010. Call ACAP at 1-800-585-3053 starting August, 2009 to schedule an application appointment.

Our monthly income is **less than \$1,925** 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 \$2,347** and we receive Social Security – You may be eligible for Medicare Buy-in. Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$96.40 each month to each of your Social Security checks, or \$192.80. Pays your Medicare Part D Prescription Drug premium, lowers your drug co-payments and eliminates the so-called “donut hole” in the drug plan. **NO ASSET LIMIT** for this benefit.

Our monthly income is **less than \$1,922** and we receive Social Security – You may be eligible for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$96.40 each month each person to your Social Security checks. Pays Medicare deductibles and co-payments saving you from buying Medicare supplements. Pays your Medicare Part D Prescription Drug premium, lowers your drug co-payments and eliminates the so-called “donut hole” in the drug plan. **NO ASSET LIMIT** for this benefit.

Our monthly income is **less than \$1,315** and we are at least age 65 or are disabled. We have **less than \$15,000 cash** and interest bearing bank accounts – You may be eligible for Maine Care. Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$96.40 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.

For more information, an application for any benefit, or help completing an application contact
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