

Benefit Checklist for Maine –October 2009-February 2010

Single / One person household

We have helped people put hundreds of dollars back 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.

My monthly income is **less than \$1,670** and I am 62 or am disabled – You are probably eligible for Low Cost Drug Program. Saves you as much as 80% on generic prescription drugs and savings on some name brand drugs for covered diseases if you don't have Medicare yet. **If you do have Medicare, helps pay premium of Medicare Part D Plan, lowers co-pay on brand name drugs under Medicare Part D, pays 50% of Part D deductible, provides help on drug costs under Part D during any coverage gap (donut hole) period.**

My annual income in 2008 was **less than \$61,400**. 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, and lived in Maine all of the year 2008, you might qualify for a refund. Deadline to apply for 2008 refund is June 1, 2010. Application for 2008 may be made after August 1, 2009.

My monthly income is **less than \$2,075 and I am at least age 60**. You may qualify for **Home Energy Assistance** to help pay some of your winter fuel costs. 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.

My monthly income is **less than \$1,430** and I am at least age 60. I have less than **\$3,000** in cash assets – You may be eligible for Food Stamps.

My monthly income is **less than \$1,745** and I 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 your Social Security check, pays Medicare Part D Prescription Drug premium, lowers co-payments for drugs and takes away the “donut hole” in drug plan. **NO ASSET LIMIT** for this benefit.

My monthly income is **less than \$1,429** and I 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 to your Social Security check. Pays Medicare deductibles and co-insurance saving you from paying for a Medicare supplemental insurance. Pays Medicare Part D Prescription Drug premium, lowers co-payments for drugs and takes away the “donut hole” in drug plan. **NO ASSET LIMIT** for this benefit.

My monthly income is **less than \$978**. I am at least age 65 or am disabled. I have **less than \$10,000 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 your Medicare deductibles and co-insurances, pays for some dental care, pays medical transportation.

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