Benefit Checklist for Maine – as of April 2020

For Single/One Person Household

☐ My gross monthly income is less than $3,797 and I am 62 or am disabled and I am receiving Social Security. You might be 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.

☐ My gross annual income in 2019 was less than $34,167. You might qualify for the Property Tax Fairness Credit. If you paid property tax in 2019 and it exceeded 6% of your total income or if you paid rent that exceeded 40% of your total income and lived in Maine any part of the year in 2019, you might qualify for a refund of up to $600 or $900 if age 65 or older. To claim the refund, you must file Maine Income Tax Return Form 1040ME and complete the Property Tax Fairness Credit Worksheet.

☐ My gross monthly income is less than $2,218 and I am at least age 60. You might qualify for the Home Energy Assistance Program to help pay some of your winter fuel costs. Applications may be made between October 1 – April 30 each year. Call Aroostook County Action Program at 1-800-585-3053 or 207-768-3053 to schedule an application appointment.

☐ My gross monthly income is less than $1,926. I have no children I am caring for in my home. I have less than $2,000 in liquid assets (savings, checking, CD’s, etc.) You might be eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). Contact Maine Department of Health and Human Services – Fort Kent 1-800-432-7340; Caribou 1-800-432-7366; or Houlton 1-800-432-7338 for an application.

☐ My gross monthly income is less than $2,043. I have liquid assets (savings, checking, investments) less than $58,000 and I receive Social Security. You might be eligible for Medicare Buy-In. It pays your Medicare Part B premium, saving up to $135.50 each month in your Social Security check. It also pays Medicare Part D premium, lowers co-payments for prescription drugs and takes away the “donut hole” in the drug plan.

☐ My gross monthly income is less than $1,670. I have liquid assets (savings, checking, investments) less than $58,000 and I receive Social Security. You might be eligible for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB). It pays your Medicare Part B premium, saving up to $135.50 each month in your Social Security check. It pays Medicare deductibles and co-insurance saving you from buying a Medicare supplemental insurance. It also pays Medicare Part D premium, lowers co-payments for prescription drugs and takes away the “donut hole” in the drug plan. Maine Care also provides access to medical transportation.

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