

PROGRAMS YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR:

****ALL LIMITS ARE FOR GROSS INCOME****

BAA (BENEFITS ACCESS APPLICATION FORMERLY CIRCUIT BREAKER) – 65 YEARS OLD/DISABLED

\$77 discount on car sticker (normally \$101)

INCOME: Below \$27,610 (single person) / \$36,635 (married couple)

Uses 2015 income and counts Social Security

EXTRA HELP – MUST BE ON MEDICARE

Help on Medicare Part D prescription drug plans

INCOME: Below \$17,820 (single person) / \$24,024 (married couple)

ASSETS: Below \$13,640 (single person) / \$27,250 (married couple)

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS

QMB (QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES) – MUST BE ON MEDICARE

Help on Medicare Part A & B premiums, deductible, coinsurance and copayments

INCOME: Below \$1015/mo (single person) / \$1,360/ mo (married couple)

ASSETS: Below \$7,280 (single person) / \$10,930 (married couple)

SLMB & QI-PART B PREMIUM ONLY-MUST BE ON MEDICARE

INCOME: Below \$1,362/mo(single person)/\$1,826 (married couple)

ASSETS: Below \$7,280(single person) / \$10,930 (married couple)

FOOD STAMPS (ALSO KNOWN AS SNAP BENEFITS)-Help paying for groceries

INCOME: Below \$1945/mo (single person) / \$2622/mo (married couple)

MEDICAID – 65 YEARS OLD/DISABLED- Medical Benefits for people with little or no income with or without Medicare

INCOME: Below \$1,015/mo (single person) / \$1360/mo (married couple)

ASSETS: Below \$2,000 (single person) / \$4,000 (married couple)

***LI-HEAP-ENERGY ASSISTANCE-** Help on Gas & Electric bills

INCOME: \$1,485/mo (single) / \$2,002/mo (married couple)

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME- SSI makes monthly payments to people who have low income and few resources, and who are: • Age 65 or older; • Blind; or • Disabled. Whether you can get SSI depends on your income and resources (the things you own). Call the local Social Security Office for more information at 855-245-0604

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS-are available for Seniors, Person's with a Disability, Disabled Veteran's and Returning Veterans through LaSalle County Assessor's Office. Exemptions reduce the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) by a specific amount; the actual tax savings depends on the tax rate for the specific property. However, you must own the property and it must be used as your principle residence to qualify for any of these exemptions. The exemption must be filed every year by May 1st and you must meet the income and other qualifications for that year to receive the exemption. Check with staff for income and qualification guidelines.

All income limits go up with additional household members. Bridges Senior Center can help people apply for all programs listed except Li-Heap. Appointments are required for help with applications.

*Tri County Opportunities Council administers the Li-Heap program. Bridges Senior Center can give information on what to bring to apply and where to go. The Li-Heap program runs from September through May every year. It is a program that you must sign up for each year.

Bridges Senior Center's office is located at 221 W. Etna Rd., Ottawa. The center is open Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. There are also satellite locations available each month.

The first Wednesday is at the Bruce Township Hall (216 N. Sterling St.) in Streator. The third Wednesday is at Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living (18 Gunia Dr.) in LaSalle. The fourth Wednesday is at the American Legion Hall (571 Rutland St.) in Marseilles.

For more information call Bridges Senior Center at

815-431-8034 or 866-331-8034

MEDICARE PREVENTATIVE SERVICES

Medicare covers a full range of preventive services to help keep you healthy and help find problems early, when treatment is most effective. Ask your doctor which of these services is right for you.

One time "Welcome to Medicare" Preventive Visit-within the first 12 months you have Medicare B

Yearly "Wellness" Visit

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Alcohol Misuse Screening

Bone Mass Measurement

Cardiovascular Disease and Cardiovascular Screenings

Colorectal Cancer Screening

Depression Screening

Diabetes Screening and Diabetes Self-management Training

Glaucoma Test

HIV Screening

Mammogram

Medical Nutrition Therapy Services

Obesity Screening and Counseling

Pap Test and Pelvic Exam(includes breast exam)

Prostate Cancer Screening

Sexually Transmitted Infections Screening and Counseling

Tobacco Use Cessation

SHOTS: Flu and Hepatitis B and Pneumococcal

Call 800-Medicare or visit Medicare.gov for more information on these services

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