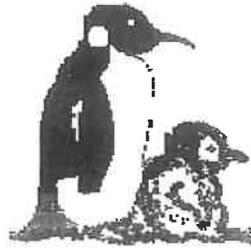


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Renter's Rebate of Elderly and Totally Disabled Program:

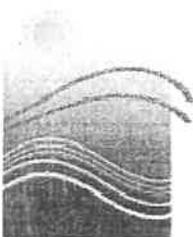
Applications for the Renter's Rebate Program continue to be processed for Preston residents. Currently, persons interested in applying for the program are requested to utilize the blue "drop box" located at the front entrance to the Preston Town Hall OR for individuals living at Lincoln Park Housing, please drop-off your information in the office door mail slot.

Applicants must provide proof of rent and utilities payments during the 2019 calendar year. If you file Income Tax, you must submit a signed copy of that document. Qualifying income guidelines for the calendar year 2019 must not exceed \$45,100.00 for a married couple and \$37,000 for unmarried individuals.

If you are interested in applying for the program or have questions regarding the process, please contact the Senior Affairs Office at 860-887-5581 ext. 6. The application deadline is October 1st.

Seaside Sanatorium Historical Research Project:

Andrea Masisak, Resource Assistant, State Parks Division, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is compiling a history of the old Seaside Sanatorium in Waterford, Ct.. This location is currently a Connecticut State Park. Integral to the history are the experiences/memories of surviving former patients, staff, and anyone familiar with the daily life of Seaside from 1934-1958 when it treated children from throughout Connecticut for tuberculosis. As these people are now up in age, Andrea is reaching out to senior centers across the state for assistance in reaching anyone who is familiar with Seaside Sanatorium during those years. If you are willing to assist Andrea, please contact her at 860-424-3413 or by email: Andrea.Masisak@ct.gov.



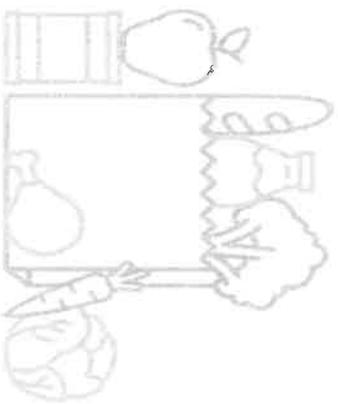
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Mobile Food Pantry

Hosted by UCFS Healthcare in partnership with United Way Gemma Moran Food Pantry in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



One bag with perishable and non perishable items will be given out to each car.

No Contact Drive thru!

May 28, 2020
Preston Plains Middle School
10:00 am-11:00 am

June 17, 2020
Preston Plains Middle School
10:00 am-11:00 am

June 25, 2020
Preston Plains Middle School
10:00 am-11:00 am

If you have any questions please contact Pam Kinder at 860-822-4146 or pkinder@ucfs.org.

**MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS CAN HELP
COVER SOME MEDICARE COST-SHARING EXPENSES
CONNECTICUT**

The Medicare Savings Program (MSP) helps cover Medicare cost-sharing expenses for people with lower incomes. Depending on the individual's income, MSP can help cover all, or some of, Medicare's premiums, deductibles and cost-sharing. **There are three levels of the MSP.** All levels of MSP cover the Part B premium and provide automatic enrollment into Extra Help/Low income Subsidy (LIS) for Part D prescription coverage.

Qualifying for an MSP Program is Based on Income

1. You may qualify at the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) level.

If Gross Monthly Income is at, or below:

\$2,245.04 (single)

\$3,032.07 (couple)

QMB pays the Part B premium, (\$144.60), and all Medicare Deductibles, Part A (\$1,408) and Part B (\$198) in addition; QMB covers co-insurance (usually 20%) of Medicare charges, similar to a Medigap policy. QMB automatically enrolls you in Extra Help (LIS) for your Prescription Costs.

2. You may qualify at the Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) level.

If Gross Monthly Income is at, or below:

\$2,457.84 (single)

\$3,319.47 (couple)

SLMB pays the Part B premium, (\$144.60) and automatically enrolls you in Extra Help (LIS) for your Prescription Costs.

3. You may qualify at the Additional Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (ALMB) level.

If Gross Monthly Income is at, or below:

\$2,617.44 (single)

\$3,535.02 (couple)

ALMB pays the Part B premium, (\$144.60) and automatically enrolls you in Extra Help (LIS) for your Prescription Costs. (Note: Access to the ALMB is subject to available funding for the program.)

How Does MSP help with the Costs of Prescription Drugs?

1. When you qualify for any level of MSP, you will automatically qualify for the Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS), also called "Extra Help". The LIS or "Extra Help" pays the full cost of a Medicare Part D (prescription coverage) basic "benchmark" plan, or a portion of a non-benchmark plan, yearly deductibles and co-insurance, or co-pays. This coverage remains the same even if you reach the coverage gap. The LIS also allows you to change your Medicare Part D or Medicare Advantage plans outside of the open enrollment period.
2. Co-pays for formulary drugs. In 2020, you will pay no more than \$3.60 for a generic drug and \$8.95 for a brand name.

Would you like an extra \$144.60 in your pocket?

Could you use help paying Medicare premiums, co-pays and deductibles?

If You Qualify, Medicare Savings Programs May Be Able to Help.

How Do I Qualify?

If you live in Connecticut and can answer YES to these two questions, you may qualify:

1. **Are you eligible for Medicare or already enrolled?**
2. **Is your monthly income below \$2,617.44 (Single) or \$3,535.02 (Couple)**

Note: Money you have in the bank (Assets) are not looked at for MSP. In some cases, not all income is counted. Call CHOICES* for details.

How Can the Medicare Savings Programs Help You?

There are three levels of Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) which provide different amounts of help:

1. **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)**, pays Medicare Part A Premiums, for those who have not worked long enough for free Part A, Part B premiums, Deductibles, Co-Pays and Co-Insurance, (Works like a Medigap policy) and qualifies individuals for Extra Help/Low Income Subsidy (LIS) for Part D Prescriptions.
2. **Specified Low income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)** pays Part B Premiums and qualifies individuals for Extra Help/Low Income Subsidy (LIS) for Part D Prescriptions.
3. **Additional Low income Medicare Beneficiary (ALMB)** pays Part B Premiums and qualifies individuals for Extra Help/Low Income Subsidy (LIS) for Part D Prescriptions.

All of the Medicare Savings Programs Will Save You Money!

- ✓ Save \$144.60 per month on Part B premium.
- ✓ Save 100% on Part D premium for basic plan or receive a subsidy on higher cost plans.
- ✓ Save on Part D Prescription Drugs. Pay no more than \$3.60/generic or \$8.95/brand name.

For Assistance and To Apply: Call the CHOICES Statewide Health Insurance Hotline

***1-800-994-9422**

My Favorite Sayings:

A lovely thought, deeply rooted, never ceases to bloom.

Never fear shadows....they simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby.

It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you down so much but the grain in your shoe.

If you think that one person can't make a difference in the world, consider what one cigar can do in a crowded restaurant.

Youth looks ahead, old age looks back and middle age looks tired.

Write injuries in sand, kindness in marble.

Worry is like a rocking chair....it'll give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

True friendship is like good health.....the value of it is seldom known until it is lost.

Mosquitoes are like small children.....the moment they stop making noise, you know they're getting into something.

SUMMER STORM

BOLT HAIL LIGHTNING SEEK

DARKEN HEAVY RAIN NOISE SHELTER

FLASH HOWL PUDDLES SOAK

FLICKER HUMID RAINBOW SPLASH

FURY HURRICANE RUMBLE

O B T L T N N R J N E N R SPLATTER

L L W V E H E E I E K R E STRIKE

S O I K W T U A D K C S T SUDDEN

H T R G T O R N A D O G L THUNDER

C A N A H Y B D D A U I E TORNADO

D S L E V T I N K E A S H TORRENTS

H P W A R M N Y I H R R S WEATHER

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