

Benefit Checklist for Maine –September 2017-March 2018
For Single / One person household *Updates at www.aroostookaging.org.*

Monthly income is gross income, all sources including Social Security. If Medicare Part B premium of \$109 up to \$134 is withheld from your Social Security, it must be added in as part of gross income.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$1,759** and I am 62 or am disabled. I have liquid assets (savings, checking, investments) less than \$57,999 and I receive 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 annual income in 2016 was **less than \$33,333**. You might qualify for the Property Tax Fairness Credit. If you paid property tax or rent in 2016 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 2016, 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 monthly income is **less than \$1,709 and I am at least age 60**. You might qualify for **Home Energy Assistance** to help pay some of your winter fuel costs. Applications may be made between October 1, 2017-April 30, 2018. Call ACAP at 1-800-585-3053 or 768-3053 to schedule an application appointment.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$1,832. I have no children I am caring for in my home. I have less than \$5,000 in liquid assets (savings, checking CD's, etc)** You might be eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (used to be 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.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$1,834**; I have liquid assets (savings, checking, investments) less than \$57,999 and I receive Social Security.– You might be eligible for Medicare Buy-in. Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$109 up to \$134 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.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$1,482**, I have liquid assets (savings, checking, investments) less than \$57,999 and I receive Social Security.– You might be eligible for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB). Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$109 up to \$134 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

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$1,080**. I am at least age 65 or am disabled. I have **less than \$10,000 cash** and interest bearing bank accounts – You might be eligible for Maine Care. Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$109 up to \$134 each month to your Social Security check. Pays your Medicare deductibles and co-insurances, medical transportation.

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