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## Benefit Checklist for Maine – as of April 2019

### For Couple/Two Person Household

Our gross monthly income is **less than \$3,084** and one of us is 62 or disabled and receiving Social Security. We 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.

Our gross annual income in 2018 was **less than \$44,167**. We might qualify for the Property Tax Fairness Credit. If you paid property tax in 2018 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 2018, 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.

Our gross monthly income is **less than \$2,301** and one of us is at least age 60. We 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.

Our gross monthly income is **less than \$2,264**. We have no children we are caring for in our home. We have less than \$5,000 in liquid assets (savings, checking, CD's, etc.) We 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.

Our gross monthly income is **less than \$2,567**. We have liquid assets (savings, checking, investments) less than \$87,000 and we receive Social Security. We 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.

Our gross monthly income is **less than \$2,073**. We have liquid assets (savings, checking, investments) less than \$87,000 and receive Social Security. We 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.

Our gross monthly income is **less than \$1,510**. We are at least 65 or disabled. We have less than \$15,000 cash and interest-bearing bank accounts. We might be eligible for Maine Care. 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.