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Benefit Checklist for Maine – as of April 2019

For Single/One Person Household

My gross monthly income is **less than \$2,278** 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 2018 was **less than \$34,167**. You 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.

My gross monthly income is **less than \$1,709** 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 \$1,670**. 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 (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 \$1,897**. I have liquid assets (savings, checking, investments) less than \$57,000 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 \$1,533**. I have liquid assets (savings, checking, investments) less than \$57,000 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.

My gross monthly income is **less than \$1,116**. I am at least 65 or am disabled. I have less than \$10,000 cash and interest-bearing bank accounts. You 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.