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Note that when phone numbers are not indicated, you should call the Senior Umbrella or the Senior Center for more information. Phone numbers are on the back of this brochure in the blue box.



The Senior Umbrella

Norwalk's Municipal Agency for The Elderly

Contact us for more information or for help in applying for the benefits described in this brochure.

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Keeping seniors independent and in their own homes is the focus of our work.

Medical Insurance Counselor at the Senior Umbrella

Trained staff will assist seniors with medical insurance issues and explain medical bills.

Assistance in applying for these and other benefits and services is available.



A Money-Saving Message

for

Norwalk Seniors

from

Mayor Harry Rilling

in cooperation with

The Senior Umbrella The Norwalk Senior Center

Benjamin Franklin said "A penny saved is a penny earned." We all want to get the most out of our money, so I hope you will read this brochure to see what money-saving programs the City of Norwalk, the State, and the federal government can offer you. You may be surprised to see what you are eligible for! My best wishes to you,

Mayor of Norwalk

Tax Reductions for Homeowners and Renters

The Homeowner's Tax Relief Program

A reduction in real estate taxes to qualifying seniors 65 or over or people with disabilities regardless of age.

- Income guidelines for the City Homeowner Program are \$48,200 or less.
- Eligibility income limit for the State program is \$34,600 for single persons and \$42,200 for married couples. No asset limits. *Guidelines are for 2015. Program applications taken from February 1, 2015 - May 15, 2015.*

Renters Tax Relief

State program for elderly or totally disabled renters. Income must not exceed \$34,100 if single or \$41,600 for a couple. *Apply between April 1, 2015 October 1, 2015.*

Help with Fuel Costs

Energy Assistance

Help with fuel bills. Eligibility for the 2014/2015 program: Income no higher than \$33,190 for 1 person, \$42,094 for 2 persons. For households with 3 or more persons, consult staff. *Program runs from 10/15/14-05/01/15*

Increased Social Security Benefits

SSI

A federal program that will increase your monthly income if your Social Security benefit is less than \$500 per month and your only source of income. Asset limits are \$2,000 for 1 person, \$3,000 for 2.

Medical Benefits

ConnPACE

Financial assistance for prescriptions for . CT residents 65 or older or receiving Social Security disability payments may be eligible. Income limits are \$26,400 for singles, \$35,600 for couples. *Enrollment period Nov. 15 - Dec. 31*

Title XIX

Medicaid or Title 19 is a program of medical/ financial assistance offered by Connecticut's Dept. of Social Services. The program pays some medical bills for people who are eligible. The approximate eligibility is \$912.00 per month for 1 person; \$1,381.00 per month for 2 persons. Liquid assets, 1 person \$1,600 and \$2,400 for 2.

Medicare Part D

Prescription coverage available. Anyone who has Medicare Part A and/or B is eligible, but must enroll to receive benefits. We can provide assistance in deciding whether to enroll and which plan is best for you.

QMB (Q01)

Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program pays Medicare Part B premiums, Medicare deductibles and Medicare co-payments for eligible seniors.

Medicare Savings Program: SLMB (Q03).

This Medicare program pays the Medicare Part B premium only, for eligible seniors.

Grants for Home Care Assistance

Call Southwestern CT Agency on Aging at (203) 333-9288 for information. Toll-free: 1-800-994-9422

Medical Benefits Continued

Medicare Savings Program: ALMBQ04)

pays for Part B premium only. Subject to available funding. If you qualify, you will automatically qualify for an extra subsidy.

Other Helpful Programs

Yellow Dot Program (TRIAD)

A round yellow sticker on your car window alerts first responders that life-saving information about you is in your car's glove compartment.

LifePack

is a kit that you fill out and keep at home. It contains your medical history, physicians' names, emergency contacts, allergies, medications and other emergency information.

American Red Cross Medical Equipment Loan Closet 203-869-8444

Located in Greenwich, they loan medical equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, commodes and more. Also check to see what Medicare and your insurance company cover.

SNAP (Food Stamps)

This federally funded program provides food stamps to persons of any age meeting the gross monthly income limits of \$1,680 for one person & \$2,268 for two persons. No asset limit.

Project Lifesaver - NEW!

This project helps police locate people with Alzheimer's or other dementia who have wandered from home. For information, call the Norwalk Police Department at 203-854-3000.