

Financial Benefit Programs for Older Adults

Programs are available to seniors that can save money or increase income. For information and eligibility, call the Broome County Office for Aging **Senior Resource Line at 778-2411**.

EPIC . . . pays for prescription drugs for persons 65 and older

LifeLine. . . discounted phone service

HEAP . . . helps owners and renters with heating costs

Em Power NY...energy conservation education or home audit, possible energy related repairs

Power Partner . . . NYSEG Program that lowers service charges, can help reduce energy costs

Weatherization (WRAP) . . . helps with energy-related problems or needs

Food Stamps . . . monthly allotment that pays for food

Medicaid . . .health care benefits for persons w/low income and limited resources; Spenddown Program may enable slightly higher incomes with high medical expenses to be eligible; Spousal Medicaid preserves income for community spouse when other needs nursing home care

Supplemental Security Income . . . monthly cash benefit to meet food, clothing and shelter needs for persons 65 and older, or blind/disabled of any age, who have low income/assets

Medicare Savings Programs . . . pays all of monthly Medicare Part B premium for seniors with low and moderate income/assets

Low-Income Subsidy . . . provides extra help paying for Medicare Part D drug coverage

Senior Citizens' Partial Real Property Tax Exemption...reduction of property taxes

School Tax Relief (STAR) Program . . . reduction in school taxes

Claim for Real Property Tax Credit for Homeowners and Renters (IT-214) . . . rebate for property taxes or rent

Veterans...various benefits provided to Veterans and their dependents

Foster Grandparent Program . . . cash and other benefits for persons helping children at schools and daycare centers approximately twenty hours a week

GROW Program . . . links workers 55+ with persons interested in hiring home repairmen, housekeepers, companions, etc.

Senior Community Service Employment Program... paid training/work experience