

Benefit Quick Link

Have all the various benefit programs out there thrown you for a loop? Unsure of what programs you might be eligible for? Are you buried beneath a mountain of paperwork in order to access the benefits you qualify for?

AARP's Benefits QuickLINK to the rescue!! With this "one-stop shopping" questionnaire, find out if you and your family qualify for:

- State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- TANF Child-Only Grants
- MaineCare
- SSI
- Medicare Savings Programs
- Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage
- Medicare Rx Extra Help
- State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs
- MaineCare for Aged, Blind, and disabled
- Food Stamps Program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- State Property Tax Relief/Rebates
- Telephone Assistance (link-Up and Lifeline)

If you don't have a computer, we can print out the form and mail it to you. To access this tool using a computer, go to www.AARP.org. Scroll down to the middle box named "Tools". Click on the very last link, "Find Public Benefits You Qualify For". Once you are on the site, you can either use the online interactive tool, or you can print out the form and fill it out. Whether you print the form yourself or have received it from our office, our staff is happy to help by putting the information in the computer for you, if you so wish—just give us a call!

Once the required information (income, number in household, childcare expenses, etc) is entered on the computer, the program will let you know what benefits you might be able to get. It will also provide a link to facts about each individual program, as well as a printable application, or other contact information you will need.

If you would like more information, or a printed version of the questionnaire, please give us a call! We're also here to walk you through the process if you'd like. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for a free "benefits checkup"!

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