

Program Eligibility Checklist

(as of January 2017)

Program	Monthly Income (unless noted "per year"- incomes limits listed from lowest to highest below)	Federal Asset Limits	Benefits & Comments
SSI	735 single 1,103 couples	2,000 3,000	Must be age 65+, blind, or disabled Benefit amount is up to \$735 for single (\$1,103 for couples) of their income \$20-\$85 of income may be exempt, depending on source
Medicaid	990 single 1,335 couples	2,000 3,000	Must be age 65+, blind, or disabled \$25 of income may be exempt
QMB	1,015 single 1,360 couples	7,280 10,930	Pays Medicare Part A & B premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance No estate recovery Automatically receives LIS full subsidy
SLMB / SLIB	1,015 to 1,212 single 1,360 to 1,626 couples	7,280 10,930	Pays Medicare Part B premium No estate recovery Automatically receives LIS full subsidy
QI	1,212 to 1,361 single 1,626 to 1,826 couples	7,280 10,930	Pays Medicare Part B premium No estate recovery Automatically receives LIS full subsidy
Medicare Part A	not applicable	not applicable	In 2017, the deductible is \$1,316 per illness for hospital days 1-60, \$329 per day for days 61-90, and \$658 per day from day 91-150.
Medicare Part B	not applicable	not applicable	In 2017, the monthly premium is \$109.40, \$127.92, or \$134.00 depending on different circumstances In 2017, deductible is \$183 People with higher income pay a higher monthly premium

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Medicare Part D	see below	see below	Subsidies for prescription drug programs are explained in the next five lines.
1. Dual Eligible in Nursing Home or on CCP (Medicare & full Medicaid eligible, up to 100% of poverty)	1,010 single 1,355 couples	2,000 3,000	No Medicare Part D premium (if plan costs \$28.68 per month or less), no deductible, no co-pay, no costs in donut hole, no costs during catastrophic coverage
2. Dual Eligible at-home (Medicare & full Medicaid eligible, up to 100% of poverty)	1,010 single 1,355 couples	2,000 3,000	No Medicare Part D premium (if plan costs \$28.68 per month or less), no deductible, \$1.20 co-pay (generics) or \$3.70 co-pay (brand name drugs) through donut hole, no costs during catastrophic coverage
3. Full Subsidy – LIS Extra Help (between 100-135% of poverty with lower assets)	up to 1,356 single up to 1,822 couples	8,890 14,090	No Medicare Part D premium (if plan costs \$28.68 per month or less), no deductible, \$3.30 co-pay (generics) or \$8.25 co-pay (brand name drugs) through donut hole, no costs during catastrophic coverage
4. Partial Subsidy – LIS Extra Help (between 100-135% of poverty with higher assets)	up to 1,356 single up to 1,822 couples	8,890 - 13,820 14,090 - 27,600	No Medicare Part D premium (if plan costs \$28.68 per month or less), \$82 deductible, 15% of costs after deductible through the donut hole, and either \$3.30 co-pay (generics) and \$8.25 co-pay (brand name) or 5% of drug costs (whichever is higher) during catastrophic coverage
5. Partial Subsidy – LIS Extra Help (between 135-150% of poverty with higher assets)	up to 1,505 single up to 2,022 couples	up to 13,820 up to 27,600	Partial help with Medicare Part D premium (amount depends on income), \$82 deductible, 15% of costs after deductible through the donut hole, and either \$3.30 co-pay (generics) and \$8.25 co-pay (brand name) or 5% of drug costs (whichever is higher) during catastrophic coverage

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Senior Employment (Title V)	1,238 single 1,669 couples	not applicable	Subsidized employment for people age 55+
LIHEAP (energy assistance & Weatherization)	1,485 single 2,003 couples	not applicable	LIHEAP helps pay for heating bills (sometimes cooling, too) and reconnection of utilities Weatherization helps to winterize / insulate homes
Farmers Market Coupons	1,832 single 2,470 couples	Not applicable	Coupons can be redeemed at designated farmer markets for fresh fruit and vegetables
SNAP (formerly food stamps)	1,962 single 2,655 couples		Financial assistance with food purchases One household member must be age 60+ or disabled for these income & assets limits
Qualified Disabled Working Individual	1,980 to 3,960 single 2,670 to 5,340 couples	4,000 6,000	Partial co-pay for amount above \$1,980 (\$2,670 for couples) Pays Medicare Part A premium for disabled people who no longer have free Medicare because they returned to work Some earned wages may be exempt in Illinois No estate recovery
Money Management	40,400 per year single 46,150 per year couples <u>For victims of abuse</u> 40,400 per year single 46,150 per year couples	17,500 35,000 40,400 46,150	For senior adults who need help managing their finances and paying their bills Tasks include opening and organizing mail, setting up a household budget, balancing a checkbook, paying bills, and/or serving as a Social Security representative payee Volunteers are bonded and supervised
Prevention of Spousal Impoverishment	See Benefits & Comments	not applicable	Spouse at-home keeps up to \$2,739 per month of income and \$109,560 of assets Spouse in nursing home or on CCP keeps \$30 per month of income and \$2,000 of assets

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Benefits Access Application for Seniors & People with Disabilities Ride Free Card & License plate discount	27,610 per year single 36,635 per year couples 45,657 per year 3+ people	not applicable	One auto license plate discount and Seniors & People with Disabilities Ride Free card Must be an Illinois resident, age 65+ (spouse age 63+ of now deceased former eligible person), or age 16+ and disabled
Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities	3,465 single 4,673 couples	25,000 25,000	Must be age 16+ and under age 65, disabled, and employed Allows working disable people to have health care through Medicaid Some earned wages may be exempt in Illinois
Senior Citizens Homestead Freeze	55,000 per year per household	not applicable	Must be age 65+ Freezes the assessed value of the homestead Must reapply every year with local Supervisor of Assessment office
Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral	none	not applicable	Must be age 65+ Defers real estate tax payments (up to \$5,000 and 80% equity in home) at 6 percent interest until the homestead is sold or 1 year after person(s) pass away Must reapply every year with local Supervisor of Assessment office

Sources: Websites for Medicare, Social Security Administration, Illinois Statutes, and Illinois DHS