

Chart of Benefits by Income Level – October 2011

Program	Monthly/Annual Income	Asset Limit	Age	Others Eligible	Benefit Description
☼ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	\$674 - 1 (monthly Soc. Security payments) \$1,011 - 2 (monthly Soc. Security payments)	\$2,000 - 1 \$3,000 - 2	65 +	Disabled, blind	Provides income up to eligibility limit; also eligible for Medicaid and SNAP (Food Stamps). Income limits depend on whether or not applicant is a wage earner.
☼ ■ Aid to Aged, Blind, Disabled (AABD)- cash grant	Based on need on case by case basis	\$2,000 - 1 \$3,000 - 2	65 +	Disabled, blind	Provides income up to eligibility limits, recipients also eligible for Medicaid and SNAP (Food Stamps).
☼ ■ Medicaid	*\$933 – 1 *\$1,251 – 2	\$2,000 - 1 \$3,000 - 2	65+	Disabled, blind	Pays medical care; if applicant not eligible, may "spend down" for partial assistance. Medical expenses will be applied towards spend down. Note: \$25 income disregard is reflected in the amount listed.
☼ ■ Qualified Medicare Beneficiary – must have Medicare	*\$933 - 1 *\$1,251 - 2	*\$8,180 - 1 *\$13,020 - 2			Pays Medicare Part A and Part B premiums, deductibles, co-insurance. *Note: \$25 income disregard and \$1,500 for pre-paid burial and some life insurance policies are reflected in the amount listed.
☼ ■ Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)	*\$1,114 - 1 *\$1,496 - 2	*\$8,180 - 1 *\$13,020 - 2			Pays Medicare Part B premiums. Does not pay deductibles and/or co-insurance. Must be enrolled in Medicare Part A. *Note: \$25 income disregard and \$1,500 for pre-paid burial and some life insurance policies are reflected in the amount listed.
☼ ■ Qualified Individual 1 (Q/1) -must have Medicare Part A	*\$1,250 - 1 *\$1,680 - 2				
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	\$1,361 - 1 \$1,839 - 2 gross monthly income 30 days prior to application	No asset limit			Assists with energy costs. There are now 2 options- Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP) and Direct Vendor Payment (DVP). Available in Fall of each year - opens on September 1 st to those over 60 and persons with disabilities. September and October are priority months for seniors and persons with disabilities
Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP)	\$21,780 per year - 1 \$29,420 per year - 2	No asset limit			Assistance in weatherizing residence.
Title V Employment	\$1,134 - 1 \$1,532 - 2	No asset limit	55+		Subsidized part-time employment in not-for-profit or governmental agencies.
Gas Sharing	Between 150% & 200% of poverty	No asset limit			Provides one-time assistance with payment of gas bill.
☼ ■ SNAP (Food Stamps)	\$1,815 - 1 \$2,452 - 2	No asset limit	60 +	Disabled, blind	Assistance to purchase food with link card. There are different limits if a senior or person with a disability is not included in the household.

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Access To Care	\$21,792 – 1 \$29,424 – 2	No asset limit			Provides primary physician care, medication, labs and x-rays. Must be ineligible for Medicare and Medicaid.
Extra Help Program FULL SUBSIDY -must have Medicare Part D	\$ 1,226 - 1 \$ 1,655 - 2	*\$8,180 - 1 *\$13,020 - 2			No monthly premium, no deductible, either \$1.10 - 3.30 co-pays or \$2.50 – 6.30 if above 100% poverty level. Works with coordinating Part D plan. *Includes \$1,500 prepaid burial plan
Extra Help Program PARTIAL SUBSIDY -must have Medicare Part D	\$1,362- 1 \$1,839 - 2	*\$12,640 – 1 *\$25,620 – 2			No or low premiums (sliding scale), deductible (less than \$63), and co-pays (\$1.10 - \$6.30 or 15%). Works with coordinating Part D plan. *Includes \$1,500 prepaid burial plan
☼ Illinois Cares Rx- Basic (for those who are under 65 and do not have Medicare or for those who are 65 years of age or older and are not a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen)	\$21,780 - 1 \$29,420 - 2 \$37,060 - 3	No asset limit	65+	Disabled over age 16	Co-pays- \$5, \$15 until reach \$1,750, then pay 25% plus the co-pay; for Alzheimer's, Arthritis, Cancer, Diabetes, Glaucoma, Heart disease, Lung disease/smoking related illnesses, Multiple Sclerosis, Osteoporosis and Parkinson's disease.
☼ Illinois Cares Rx Plus (for those with Medicare or those without Medicare who are 65 years of age or older and a U. S. citizen or qualified non-citizen)	\$21,780 - 1 \$29,420 - 2 \$37,060 - 3	No asset limit	65+	Disabled over age 16	Co-pays- \$5, \$15, or \$20 per prescription until reach \$2,840 then pay 25% plus the co-pay. Covers prescription drugs for most conditions including HIV/AIDS. To receive full benefits, including, no monthly Part D premium, no deductible, and no coverage gaps, a person must be enrolled into one of the Medicare Prescription Drug Plans coordinating with the state.
☼ Ride Free Transit Card	\$27,610 – 1 \$36,635 – 2	No asset limit	65+	Disabled over age 16	Free rides on all fixed-route regularly scheduled buses and trains. Public transit systems- CTA, Pace and Metra
☼ License Plate Discount	\$27,610 - 1 \$36,635 –2	No asset limit	65+	Disabled over age 16	License plate discount of \$75.
☼ Circuit Breaker Grant	\$27,610 - 1 \$36,635 - 2	No asset limit	65+	Disabled over age 16	Annual direct payment to eligible persons based on rent or property taxes paid and income.
Property Tax Deferral	\$50,000 per household	No asset limit	65+		Allows homeowners to defer property taxes on home with low interest rate until property sold or death of taxpayer.
Community Care Program	No income limits	\$17,500 - 1 \$35,000 - 2	60+		Provides case management, chore, homemaker &/or adult day services to frail elderly *See Community Spousal Impoverishment.
Community Spousal Impoverishment	Spouse Medicaid eligible in LTC facility/& CCP	\$109,560 assets \$2,739 income			Community Spouse may keep \$109,560 in assets and \$2,739 in monthly income.

FOOTNOTES to Chart of Benefits by Income Level:

- IDHS programs are decided on case-by-case basis; if eligibility in doubt, client should apply.
- ☼ Entitlement program - eligible applicants are accorded benefits.