



# Older Adults Benefits Program

**Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

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North Shore Senior Center has trained volunteers to assist older adults in applying for and maintaining public entitlements. Individuals are screened for programs that may provide financial assistance or services. The following programs are not fee-based, but some financial and demographic guidelines may determine eligibility. **To learn more, call us at 847.784.6040 or visit us online at [www.nssc.org](http://www.nssc.org).**

**Benefits Check Up:** A screening tool that creates a list of programs for which a person is likely eligible, with application instructions.

**Access Internet Discount:** Provides low-cost wireless internet for SNAP recipients.

**Benefits Access Application:** An income-based program that provides a license plate sticker discount and/or a free ride card for public transportation for seniors or people who are fully disabled.

**Extra Help / Low Income Subsidy (LIS):** Income- and asset-based program that helps pay Medicare Part D costs. Medicaid recipients automatically receive LIS.

**Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program:** An income-based program for homeowners that installs energy conservation measures in eligible homes to reduce energy usage.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** A set of income-based programs that provides financial assistance with gas and electric utility bills.

**Medicaid:** Administered through the Illinois Department of Human Services, a state health insurance for residents with low income and assets.

**Onesight:** Free eye exam and glasses (from a selection) at participating locations. Must qualify for at least one other benefit program to be eligible.

**Property tax:** Assistance with the

1. Senior Exemption: discount on property tax
2. Senior Freeze: freezes assessed property value
3. Senior Deferral: for income-qualified homeowners; defers property taxes with interest until sale of home or owner's death.

**Safelink:** Income-based program that provides discounted phone service or a free cell phone.

**Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP):** Income-based program for older adults that provides \$25 to use at participating farmers market booths. Available only at distribution events in the summer.

**Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP):** Unbiased Medicare counseling and information.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):** Administered through the Illinois Department of Human Services, an income- and asset-based program that provides financial assistance for groceries.

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**The mission of North Shore Senior Center is to foster the independence and well-being of older adults, enhance their dignity and self-respect, and promote their participation in and contribution toward all aspects of community life.**