

# Senior Resources Navigation Notes...



## **MEDICAID has many "hats" (DSS Programs)**

There has been some confusion. People have been on one of the Medicaid (Title 19) programs and thought they were getting all the benefits they qualified for, but they were not.



### **Medicaid has programs if you need help paying for or need information on:**

- Nursing Home room & board
- Residential Care Facilities room & board (select facilities)
- Rent Assistance
- Home Care Services
- Medical Bills
- Health Insurance
- Prescriptions
- Medicare Premiums (under the Medicare Savings Program)

### **THINGS TO KNOW:**

- The Medicare Savings Program is administered through the State Medicaid Office. There are three Medicare Savings Programs offered in Connecticut.
- Department of Social Services (DSS) has a General Application Form W-1E. You may use this application to apply for SNAP benefits, cash and certain types of medical assistance. This form can be completed online at [www.connect.ct.gov](http://www.connect.ct.gov).
- Completion of an application for a specific Medicare Waiver Program will not guarantee access to all Medicaid Programs and benefits. You may be entitled to additional services.
- Recertification for the programs you are currently using may be required every 6-12 months. The recertification paperwork will be mailed to you. Failure to recertify can result in the loss of the benefits.

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## RESOURCES:

- Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Programs for Elders. For a list of programs and services visit: [www.CT.gov/DSS](http://www.CT.gov/DSS).
- Programs related to caregiving, employment services and Long Term Care Ombudsman Program are administered through the State Department on Aging. For a list of programs and services visit: [www.CT.gov/aging](http://www.CT.gov/aging).
- All housing related programs previously administered by the Department of Social Services moved to the Connecticut Department of Housing. Visit [www.CT.gov/doh](http://www.CT.gov/doh) for further information.

In order to make sure you are taking advantage of all of the Medicare, Medicaid and other programs that you qualify for, do a Benefits CheckUp®!

*A Benefits CheckUp® is a free and confidential questionnaire that will screen you for eligibility for federal, state and local financial programs for individuals 60+ and those receiving Medicare at any age. To ensure you are aware of programs for which you may qualify, complete a Benefits CheckUp® with Senior Resources.*

Visit [www.SeniorResourcesEC.org](http://www.SeniorResourcesEC.org) and click on the Benefits CheckUp® logo.



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