

Special Needs Trust Checklist

Prescription Drug Assistance Programs

1. **Partnership for Prescription Assistance (www.pparx.com)**

- Resource bank of drug company assistance plans, discount prescription cards, and state programs.
- Eligibility information is entered and available options are generated.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

2. **Needy Meds (www.needymeds.com)**

- Resource bank of drug company assistance plans, disease based assistance, discount prescription cards, and government programs.
- This site contains information and links to available programs. Clients search by brand and generic drug name, company, disease, and state; they are then given links to the appropriate website or application.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

3. **Rx Hope (www.rxhope.com)**

- Resource bank of government and corporate assistance plans.
- Eligibility information and drug names are entered online and options are generated.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

4. **Rx Outreach (www.rxoutreach.com)**

- Provides reduced costs prescriptions at the rate of \$20, \$30, or \$40 for a 90-day supply. Prescriptions fall into one of three tiers and price is determined by the drug's category.
- An application is filled out annually and eligibility is determined.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

5. **Together Rx Access Discount Card (www.togetherrxaccess.com)**

- Prescription discount card offered by 12 companies collectively. Card participants are given discounts of 25-40% on prescription drugs.
- Applicant may not have prescription coverage and may not be eligible for Medicare.
- Application filled out and eligibility is determined.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

6. **Merck Discount Drug Card (<http://www.merck.com/merckhelps/>)**

- Offers discounts on 11 Merck drugs: Cosopt[®], Cozaar[®], Emend[®], Fosamax[®], Fosamax Plus D[™], Hyzaar[®], Janumet[™], Januvia[™], Maxalt[®], Maxalt-MLT[®], Singulair[®], Trusopt[®]
- Applicant may not have prescription coverage from public or private plans. They may be eligible for Medicare Part D but have opted out.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

7. **Michigan Rx Price Finder**

- Provides current price information for drugs.
- Users enter zip codes or city, mile radius, and drug name and options are generated. Pharmacy name, address, and phone number, map option and drug price are given.
- Visit www.michigandrugprices.com

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

8. Mi Rx Discount Card

- A discount card used at pharmacies that save participants 5-25% on prescription drugs
- Applicants must be residents of the state of Michigan, have no other prescription coverage, and meet *median* state income requirements.
- Call **(1-800-755-6479)**
- Application is completed and mailed and eligibility is then determined.

Family Size	Median Income	Family Size	Median Income
1	\$27,930	6	\$66,090
2	\$37,470	7	\$75,630
3	\$47,010	8	\$85,170
4	\$56,550	9	\$94,050

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

Dental Services

1. Oakland County Discount Dental Plan

- Participants receive 20-50% discounts on most dental procedures, at participating dental providers.
- The cost is \$69 per year.
- Applicants must be residents of Oakland County.
- Application can be filled out online.
- <http://www.ocdiscountdental.com>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

2. Macomb County Discount Dental Plan

CAREington (586) 469-6313; Dentemax 1-866-498-7914

- Participants receive 20-50% discounts on most dental procedures, at participating dental providers.
- The cost is \$69 per year.
- Applicants must be residents of Macomb County.
- Applications must be submitted via mail.
- <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/discountdental>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

3. University of Michigan School of Dentistry-Adult Clinic & Urgent Care Clinic

- Provides a wide variety of dental services to the public at reasonable rates. Services are provided by supervised dental services.
- Call (734-763-6933) for appointments or information/wait could be several weeks for dental clinic appointments.
- Urgent Care Clinic is open Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 on a walk-in basis.
- <http://www.dent.umich.edu/patients/>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

4. University of Michigan School of Dentistry-Children's Clinic

- Provides dental care to children under the age of 14
- Call (734-764-1523) for appointments
- <http://www.dent.umich.edu/patients/>
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Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

5. The Hope Dental Clinic

- Provides general and restorative dental care at a low cost.
- Call (734-480-9575)
- <http://www.thehopeclinic.org/>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

6. Washtenaw Children's Dental Clinic-Mack School

- Provides dental services to children at very low cost.
- Children must be low income, under age 18, and attend school in Washtenaw County.
- Call (734-663-7073)

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

7. University of Detroit Mercy Dental Clinic

- Provides a variety of dental services and specialty care including braces and root canals to accepted patients.
- Accepts most insurance including Medicaid. \$40 should be brought to appointment for x-rays.
- Call (313-494-6700)
- http://dental.udmercy.edu/dentalhygiene/pt_care.htm

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

8. Tri-County Dental Health Council

- Provides emergency treatment, treatment to low income uninsured workers, and dentures for low income seniors age 60+ from volunteer dentists.
- Provides an extensive referral service of dentists who accept Medicaid and treat low income patients.
- Cost is dependent upon income and family size and patients' pay 10-30% of usual dentist's fees.
- Call (248-559-7767)
- <http://www.dentalhealthcouncil.org/>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

9. Dental Hygiene Clinic at Baker College of Auburn Hills

- Clinic is open to the public and anyone can make an appointment for services
- Clinic charges a nominal fee of \$5.00 - \$50.00 based on the type of procedure
- Because the clinic charges a nominal fee, no type of insurance is accepted
- Services rendered by students under the direct supervision of licensed dentists
- Call (248-276-6664)
- <http://www.dentalhealthcouncil.org/>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

10. Wayne County Health Department

- Health Department provides dental care to Wayne County residents.
- Call (734 727-7000) for appointments
- <http://www.waynecounty.com/hhSvcs/>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

11. Detroit Department of Health & Wellness Dental Clinic

- Clinic offers pediatric (ages 3-18) and adult dental services
- Children (313-876-4739); Adults (313-876-4164)
- <http://www.dethealth.org/>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

Health Care Services

Macomb County

1. Macomb County Adult Benefit Waiver

- Covers visits to an assigned Primary Care Physician (PCP), referrals to specialists, referrals for outpatient diagnostic services and procedures and prescription drugs.
- Only available during open enrollment periods through Department of Human Services (DHS).
- Applicant must be a Macomb County resident, Ages 19-64, not disabled or eligible for Medicaid or other medical programs, and must meet income requirements.
- Apply at DHS office (DHS 586- 469-7700)

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

2. Macomb Connect Care

- Covers visits to Primary Care Physician offices, prescriptions, lab work, x-rays, medical supplies, urgent care clinics.
- Applicant must be a Macomb County Resident, Ages 19-64, an adult with no minor children, not eligible for any other medical coverage, and meet income requirements.
- Application can be downloaded online and must be mailed.
- <http://www.macombhealthplan.org/macombcareconnect.php>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

3. Macomb County Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program

- No cost breast and cervical cancer screenings.
- Applicant must be a resident of Macomb County, ages 40-64, have no health insurance, and be low to moderate-income level.
- (586) 412-3384
- http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/HPDC/hpdc_breast_and_cervical_cancerscreen.htm

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

4. Macomb County Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Program

- Provides education and screenings throughout the community for residents.
- Call (586) 412-3387 to find screening locations.
- <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/HPDC/cvdrpp.htm>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

5. Macomb County Family Planning Services

- Provides family planning education, counseling, cervical and breast exams, and contraceptives for Macomb County Residents.
- Fees are determined on a sliding scale.
- (586) 469-5491
- <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

6. Macomb County Immunization Clinic

- Provides immunizations for adults and children
- Call (586) 469-5372.
- http://www.macombcountymi.gov/PublicHealth/ClinicServices/fhs_immunization_clinic.htm

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

7. Macomb County Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

- Provides confidential counseling, testing, diagnosis, and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Applicants must be age 12 or over and a resident of Macomb County.
- (586) 465-9217
- <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/HPDC/STD.htm>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

8. Veterans Aid & Assistance Program

- The Aid and Attendance Special Pension provides benefits for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing and undressing or taking care of the needs of nature. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisting living facility also qualifies.
- The veteran needed to have been active during specified time periods (http://www.veteranaid.org/docs/Periods_of_War.pdf)
- Applicant must have less than \$80,000 in assets, EXCLUDING their home and vehicles
- Required information: Discharge/separation papers, marriage certificate, copy of death certificate-surviving spouse only, current social security award letter, net worth information, proof of all income, if a guardian is in place a copy of the court order appointing a guardian, proof of insurance, medications, Medicare, Medicaid, Physician statement, Banking information, employment history, list of hospitals/doctors visited in the last year.
- For information visit: <http://www.veteranaid.org/program.php>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

Oakland County

1. Oakland County Hearing and Vision Screenings

- Hearing and vision screenings by appointment for school aged children in Oakland County
- Call (248) 424-7070 for appointments
- http://www.oakgov.com/health/program_service/hv_about.html

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

2. Oakland County HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control

- Provides confidential and anonymous counseling, and testing.
- 1-888-350-0900 ext. 85416 for appointments.
- http://www.oakgov.com/health/program_service/hiv_control.html

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

3. Oakland County Immunizations

- Provides immunization for children, teens, and adults.
- (248) 858-1305 (North Oakland) / (248) 424-7046 (South Oakland)
(248) 926-3361 (West Oakland)
- http://www.oakgov.com/health/program_service/immunize_about.html

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

4. Oakland County Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

- Provides testing, diagnosis, treatment and counseling.
- Patients should visit clinic location for services.
(<http://www.oakgov.com/health/contact/index.html>)

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

Wayne County

1. Wayne County Health Department

- Provides personal health services to Wayne County residents
- Services include HIV testing and counseling, immunizations, STD testing, hearing and vision screening, and family planning.
- Call 734-727-7000 for appointments
- <http://www.waynecounty.com/hhSvcs/>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

2. Detroit Department of Health & Wellness Clinic

- Clinics provide Adult Medicine, Healthy Kids Medicaid Enrollment assistance, free pregnancy testing family planning/birth control services WIC Food Supplement Program assistance, social work services
- 313-876-4000
- www.dethealth.org

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

Statewide Programs

1. MARS

- This site is a resource bank of state programs.
- Applicant fills out information such as number in home, age, income, medical conditions, and an estimate of what state programs they are eligible for is generated.
- <http://www.mfia.state.mi.us/mars>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

2. Medicaid

- Michigan Dept. of Community Health
- (517-373-3740)
- <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

3. MI Child

- This Department of Community Health program provides health and dental care to qualified applicants. Not a Medicaid program.
- There is a five dollar monthly premium for *all* Children in one family
- Applicants must be Michigan residents or legal immigrants, meet income requirements, and inform of any other medical insurance.
- Income requirement: The adjusted gross income must be at or above 150% and below 200% of the federal poverty level. For children under 1 year of age, the adjusted gross income must be above 185% and at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- Call (888-988-6300) for information and local DHS office for application
- http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/1,1607,7-132-2943_4845_4931---,00.html

2007 Federal Poverty Guidelines	
Number in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C. <i>*Chart does not include AK, HI</i>
1	\$10,210
2	\$13,690
3	\$17,170
4	\$20,650
5	\$24,130
6	\$27,610
7	\$31,090
8	\$34,570
Each + person add	\$3,480

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

4. Healthy Kids

- Medicaid program which provides a variety of health services including vision, dental and mental health to pregnant women, babies and children under age 19.
- Applicants must be Michigan residents or legal immigrants, meet income requirements, and inform of any other medical insurance.
- Income Requirements: Healthy Kids for Pregnant Women (185% of poverty) Healthy Kids for Children under age 1 (185% of poverty) Healthy Kids for other children (150% of poverty) (See above for federal poverty guidelines)
- Call (888-988-6300) to determine eligibility.
- <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch>

5. MI Department of Community Health Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program

- Provided through the MDCH. Provides screening and treatment.
- Call (800-922-MAMM) for local providers.
- http://michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_2955-13487--,00.html

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

6. Children's Special Healthcare Services

- A trust funded program within the Department of Community Health which provides children and some adults with coverage and equipment for their special healthcare needs and their families. It also provides family centered services to support primary caretakers, as well as community based services to allow for at home care and maintenance of routines.
- Applicants must be diagnosed with one of the 2,700 conditions covered, and be a Michigan resident.
- Applications can be obtained at local health departments or by calling (800-359-3722) or (517-241-7420)
- <http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/msa/cshcs/CSHCS.htm>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

7. DHS HIV/AIDS Support Services

- Provides support services to those who have tested positive HIV/AIDS as well as insurance assistance.
- Call (877) 342-2437
- http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5452_7122_36921---,00.html

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

8. DHS Plan First!

- Provides family planning to women.
- Applicants must be Michigan residents, ages 19-44, not Medicaid eligible, no family planning coverage through a private insurance plan, meet income requirements (family income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level (FPL), and citizenship requirements.
- Application must be filled out and returned to Plan First!
- Fax number (517) 324-0710.
- www.michigan.gov/mdch

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

Nutrition Services

1. Bridge Card/Food Stamps & Cash Benefits

- Electronic Benefits Transfer Card (EBT)
- Obtained through DHS and provides food/cash benefits to recipients.
- Application may be printed online but must be completed and taken to the local DHS office. The applicant will then be assigned a DHS specialist who will lead them through the application process.
- The card is just like a debit card and food/cash benefits are made available according to the benefits schedule..
- (800-481-4989); Apply at local DHS
- http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5455_7034---,00.html

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

2. Michigan's Coordinated Access to Food for the Elderly (MiCafe)

- Helps residents age 60 or older maneuver through the Michigan Bridge Card application process. They do not have to visit DHS through this program.
- Currently available in Branch, Cass, Charlevoix, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gratiot, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Wayne Counties.
- Call (877) 664-2233
- <http://www.elderslaw.org/Micafe/index.htm>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

3. Oakland County Meals-on-Wheels

- Provides home delivered meals to homebound individuals and senior citizens who are unable to prepare meals for themselves due to physical or mental impairments related to age and medical condition.
- Call (248-288-3311) for service

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

4. Macomb County Meals-on-Wheels

- Provides congregate and home delivered meals to home bound individuals and senior citizens who are unable to prepare meals for themselves due to physical or mental impairments related to age and medical condition.
- \$3.00 donation suggested per meal.
- Call (800-852-7795) for service.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

5. Wayne County Meals-on-Wheels

- Provides daily delivered meals, several congregate meal sites, as well as holiday home delivered meals to seniors and disabled individuals who are unable to prepare meals for themselves due to physical or mental impairments related to age and medical condition.
- Call (313-964-6325-Detroit Area Agency on Aging) for location or information.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

Heat and Utility Services

1. Consumer's Energy Budget Plan

- Allows customers to spread out annual energy costs into equal monthly payments.
- The plan begins June 1 each year and runs through May 31.
- (800-477-5050); www.consumersenergy.com

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

2. Winter Protection Plans

- Protects seniors and low income customers from utility shut off and high winter payments. Consumer's Energy, DTE & SEMCO are participants.
- Participants will not be shut off if they pay at least 6% of their estimated annual bill each month plus 1/12 of any past due bills.
- Applicants must meet one of the following: 62 years+, receive DHS cash assistance, food stamps, Medicaid, or meet income requirements.
- Contact Michigan Gas Utilities (800) 401-6402

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

3. Gas Payment Arrangements

- Michigan Gas Utilities can help customers who have past due balances arrange for repayment and avoid shut off.
- Customers must have a Michigan Gas Utilities residential account, have a balance less than \$400, and not currently on a payment plan for a past due balance.
- Arrangements can be made online at:
<http://www.michigangasutilities.com/service/arrangements.aspx>

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

4. Third Party Notification

- DTE, SEMCO, and Consumer’s Energy offer third party notification or double notice of bill due dates. The third party is not liable for the bill; they are simply notified to remind the responsible party. This option is an added measure of protection to avoid late bills and shut offs.
- Contact companies: DTE (800) 477-4747, SEMCO (800) 624-2019, Consumer’s Energy (800) 477-5050.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

5. Michigan Home Heating Credit

- Provides low income individuals with a home heating draft or voucher which is sent to energy providers including DTE, SEMCO, and Consumer’s Energy. The companies then credit the customers account.
- Eligibility is based on income, number of exemptions and household heating costs.
- Applicant files Michigan Home Heating Credit Form MI-1040CR-7 with the department of treasury who determines eligibility.
- DHS Energy Hotline at 1-800-292-5650.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

6. Weatherization Assistance Program

- DHS administered program for homeowners and renters. Provides energy conservation services including: wall, attic, and foundation insulation, air leakage reduction, smoke detectors, dryer venting.
- Applicants, which meet income requirements, are recipients of Family Independence program through DHS, or are recipient of SSI automatically, qualify at no cost.
- Contact local weatherization operators for eligibility determination
- **Macomb County**, Macomb County Community Services Agency, (586) 469-6999;
- **Oakland County**, Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency, (248) 209-2760
- **Wayne County**, City of Dearborn, (LPO), (313) 943-2180; City of Detroit, Department of Human Services, (313) 852-5609; Downriver Community Conference, (LPO) (734) 362-3472; Western Wayne County, (LPO) (313) 224-5250; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, (734) 246-2280.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

7. State Emergency Relief (SER)

- This Program is intended for occasional extreme financial hardship for low-income individuals or families. The program is administered by DHS and can meet emergency need for the following: heat & utilities home repairs, relocation assistance, home ownership services, and burial.
- Eligibility is determined by income and assets and one of the following: demonstration of immediate need (shut off notice), declared need for deliverable fuel, verified need for energy related home repair.
- DHS Energy Hotline (800-292-5650); Apply at local DHS Office
- Uses only state funds; no Medicaid match

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

8. Energy Direct

- Utility shut off avoidance program in which DHS partners with DTE, SEMCO, and Consumer's Energy. DHS matches client's names with the three providers. When a match is found DHS pays the bill, up to \$550 for heat and electricity respectively.
- DHS Energy Hotline (800-292-5650); Contact local DHS office for assistance.

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

Telephone Assistance Programs

1. Lifeline and Link-up Telephone Assistance

- Lifeline is a government program in which qualified individuals receive discounts on monthly telephone bills.
- Link-up helps pay the expense of phone installation.
- Applicants must meet income requirements or, be recipients of Medicaid, Food Stamps, SSI, Section 8, temporary needy family assistance, National School Lunch Program.
- Verizon customers call (800-483-4000)
- AT&T Customers call (800-621-8650)
- All other companies call (866-321-2323)

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____

Consumers Services

1. Credit Card Offer Opt-Out

- Consumers can visit the secured website, which is a joint venture between the major credit reporting agencies, and choose to opt-out of credit offers for five years or permanently.
- If the five year electronic opt out is selected the form may be completed online. If permanent opt out is selected the form is filled out online, but the permanent election form must be printed, signed and mailed. In the interim a five year request will be processed until receipt of the permanent form.
- www.optoutprescreen.com
- Call (1-888-567-8688)

Utilized:

Yes

No

Reason _____
