

Benefits Checklist

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This checklist is used to determine if a special needs trust beneficiary is getting all the public benefits they can.

BENEFITS - OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES:

With more than 1,000 federally-funded benefits and assistance programs available to people with disabilities, Veterans and others, finding the benefits for which you might be eligible can sometimes be difficult. Here's some information to help point you in the right direction:

1. **Benefits.gov** - The official benefits website of the U.S. government informs citizens of benefits they may be eligible for and provides information on how to apply for assistance.
www.benefits.gov - Phone: 800-333-4636
2. **Disability.gov** - Federal government website that provides an interactive, community-driven information network of disability-related programs, services, laws and benefits. The Benefits Section has information about the eligibility requirements for receiving Social Security disability (SSDI and SSI) benefits, disability benefits for children and how to apply for Social Security.
www.disability.gov
3. **National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment** (Administration on Aging)
Many older Americans are eligible for, but do not receive federal and state benefits ranging from income supplements and energy assistance to health care assistance. It is estimated, for example, that 2 to 3 million low-income beneficiaries are eligible for, but are not receiving, low-income subsidies under the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit. The National Center for Senior Benefits Outreach and Enrollment (Center) was funded by AoA beginning in 2008 to begin to address this issue.
http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/HCLTC/Senior_Benefits/index.aspx
4. **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** (U.S. Department of Agriculture) (formerly called Food Stamps): www.fns.usda.gov/snap/.
National toll free number: 800-221-5689 (leave message to have information mailed).
Michigan: 800-481-4989
5. **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** (formerly referred to as welfare).
Administered by The Office of Family Assistance: Phone: 202-401-9275
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/tanf/index.html
6. **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services** - 877-696-6775
The United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.
www.hhs.gov/
7. **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Veterans Benefits** - 800-827-1000
<http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA/index.asp>
Also see Home Improvements and Structural Alternations (HISA):
<http://www.prosthetics.va.gov/hisa2.asp>
Under the HISA program, veterans may receive assistance for home improvement necessary for continuation of treatment or for disability access to the home and essential facilities.

Benefits CheckUp (A Service of the National Council on Aging)

For an overview to help find benefits programs and get all the benefits you deserve. Find and enroll in federal, state, local and private programs that help pay for prescription drugs, utility bills, meals, health care and other needs. www.benefitscheckup.org

Specific Services:

CHILDREN'S SERVICES:

1. Children's Special Healthcare Services - www.mdch.state.mi.us/msa/cshcs/CSHCS.htm

- 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. 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 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)

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. Healthy Kids - www.michigan.gov/mdch

- 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.
- Call (888-988-6300) to determine eligibility.

3. Insure Kids Now! - <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/>

- This website set up by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services links parents and children with their States low cost health insurance programs.
- Call 877-KIDS-NOW or visit-<http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/> for more information and for links to your State's program.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

4. Michigan Child - www.michigan.gov/mdch/1,1607,7-132-2943_4845_4931---,00.html

- 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.
- Call (888-988-6300) for information and local DHS office for application

Table 2

The 2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines	
Persons in family	Poverty guideline
1	\$10,830
2	14,570
3	18,310
4	22,050
5	25,790
6	29,530
7	33,270
8	37,010
For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,740 for each additional person.	

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

4. Vaccines for Children

- For eligibility children must be on Medicaid, eligible for Medicaid, under-insured or not a recipient of health insurance.
- For more information about the Vaccines For Children program, parents can call their doctor, local health department or 888-76-SHOTS.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

5. Internet Essentials from Comcast - <http://internetessentials.com/index.html>

- Households with children who receive free school lunches through the National School Lunch Program may qualify for home Internet Service for reduced price of \$9.95/month.
- For more information call Comcast at 855-846-8376.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

CONSUMER SERVICES:

1. Credit Card Offer Opt-Out - www.optoutprescreen.com

- Consumers can visit the website 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.
- Call 888-567-8688

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

DENTAL SERVICES:

1. Dental Directory - Treating Vulnerable Elderly Patients (Michigan.gov)

- A resource book of dentists and hygienists who have agreed to be listed as providing services to vulnerable elderly patients (defined as patients over age 65 that have any or all of the following: limited mobility, limited resources, or complex health status.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/7-10_Vulnerable_Elderly_Directory_7-10_329883_7.pdf

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. Detroit Department of Health & Wellness Dental Clinic - <http://www.dethealth.org/>

- Clinic offers pediatric (ages 3-18) and adult dental services
- Children (313-876-4739); Adults (313-876-4164)

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

3. Macomb County Discount Dental Plan - <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/discountdental>

- Participants receive 20-50% discount 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.
- CAREington (586) 469-6313; Dentemax 1-866-498-7914

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

4. Oakland County Discount Dental Plan - <http://www.ocdiscountdental.com>

- Participants receive 20-50% discount 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.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

5. The Hope Dental Clinic - <http://www.thehopeclinic.org/>

- Provides general and restorative dental care at a low cost.
- Phone: 734-480-9575

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

6. Tri-County Dental Health Council - <http://www.dentalhealthcouncil.org/>

- Provides emergency treatment, treatment to low income uninsured workers, and dentures for low income seniors age 60+ from volunteer dentists.
- Provides extensive referral service of dentists who accept Medicaid and treat low income patients.
- Cost is dependent upon income and family size; patients' pay 10-30% of usual dentist's fees.
- Phone: 248-559-7767

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

7. University of Detroit Mercy Dental Clinic - http://dental.udmercy.edu/dentalhygiene/pt_care.htm

- Provides 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.

- Phone: 313-494-6700

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

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

- Provides a wide variety of dental services to the public at reasonable rates.
- 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 _____

9. 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/>

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

10. 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.
- Phone: 734-663-7073

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

11. Wayne County Health Department - <http://www.waynecounty.com/hhSvcs/>

- Health Department provides dental care to Wayne County residents.
- Call (734 727-7000) for appointments

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

HEALTH CARE SERVICES:

Macomb County

1. Macomb Connect Care - <http://www.macombhealthplan.org/macombcareconnect.php>

- 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.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. 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 (586-469-7700)

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
- 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 - www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/

- Provides family planning education, counseling, cervical and breast exams, and contraceptives for Macomb County Residents.
- Fees are determined on a sliding scale.
- Phone: 586-469-5491

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

6. Macomb County Immunization Clinic

- Provides immunizations for adults and children
- Phone: 586-469-5372
- 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.
- Phone: 586-465-9217
- www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/HPDC/STD.htm

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

Oakland County

1. North Oakland Transportation Authority

- Provides free rides to Users who are 62 or older or have a disability. They also must be a resident of the Village of Oxford, Township of Oxford, Township of Addison, Village of Leonard, Township of Lake Orion or the Village of Lake Orion.
- A rider has to make an appointment as far ahead as 3-4 weeks, but appointments can be made as late as 24 hours before seeing a hairdresser or 48 hours before a doctor's appointment.
- To register with the North Oakland Transportation Authority, call (248) 628-7900.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

2. 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
- www.oakgov.com/health/program_service/hv_about.html

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

3. Oakland County HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control

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

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

4. 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)
- www.oakgov.com/health/program_service/immunize_about.html

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

5. Oakland County Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

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

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

6. Oakland County - Free Health Coverage

- To qualify, you must be:
 - An Oakland County resident.
 - Between the ages of 19 and 64, regardless of marital status.
 - Do not qualify for Medicaid, Medicare or have any other medical coverage.
 - Medicaid rejection from Department of Human Service.
 - Income of no more than \$800/month for individual or \$1,070/month for married couple.
- www.oaklandhealthplan.com

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

Wayne County

1. Detroit Department of Health & Wellness Clinic - www.dethealth.org

- 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

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. Wayne County Health Department - <http://www.waynecounty.com/hhSvcs/>

- 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

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

HOUSING ASSISTANCE:

1. Community Housing Network - www.communityhousingnetwork.org

- Offers a variety of housing related services designed to help persons with disabilities and the homeless secure and maintain desirable, affordable housing.
- Housing Resource Center
- Supportive Housing Leasing Assistance Program
- Shelter Plus Care Program
- Home Buyer Program
- Call (248) 928-0111 in Oakland County or (866) 282-3119 (toll free)

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. Section 8 Housing Assistance - www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv

- Section 8 offers various types of assistance, including:
 - Housing choice vouchers - allows very low-income families to choose and lease or purchase safe, decent, and affordable privately-owned rental housing.
 - The Section 8 Rental Voucher Program - increases affordable housing choices for very low-income households by allowing families to choose privately owned rental housing. The public housing authority (PHA) generally pays the landlord the difference between 30 percent of household income and the PHA-determined payment standard-about 80 to 100 percent of the fair market rent (FMR). The rent must be reasonable. The household may choose a unit with a higher rent than the FMR and pay the landlord the difference or choose a lower cost unit and keep the difference.
- Call (800) 225-5342

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 led 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
- www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5455_7034---,00.html

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. Farmers Markets Accept Bridge Cards

- Farmers markets are a great place to purchase fresh Michigan produce and to connect with local farmers and your community. Everyone should have access to fresh, healthy, local food. That's why so many farmers markets now accept Bridge Cards. For a listing to find Michigan farmers in Upper Peninsula, Northwest and Northeast Lower Michigan accepting Bridge Cards, including activities and available transportation options:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/2010_SNAP_markets_328701_7.pdf
- Detroit Eastern Market Bride Card Program: The market and the adjacent district are rare finds in a global economy - a local food district with more than 250 independent vendors and merchants processing, wholesaling, and retailing food.
Phone: 313-833-9300
Information on Eastern Market Bridge Program and how it works:
<http://www.detroiteasternmarket.com/page.php?p=1&s=48>
- Double Up Food Bucks program, sponsored by the Fair Food Network, doubles the value of Bridge card purchases of fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers' markets:
Phone: 313-309-0521
<http://doubleupfoodbucks.org/home/index/howitworks>

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

3. 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 _____

4. 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 _____

5. 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 _____

6. 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 _____

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

1. Free Medicine Foundation

- Apply online or via mail if you have no insurance or are underinsured.
- Visit www.freemedicinefoundation.com or call 1-573-996-3333 and an application will be mailed to you.
- Application is completed and mailed and eligibility is then determined.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. 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 _____

3. Michigan 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.(see table 1)
- Call (1-800-755-6479)
- Application is completed and mailed and eligibility is then determined.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

Table 1

Size of Family Unit	MI Median Income	Size of Family Unit	MI Median Income
1	\$31,200	6	\$ 74,400
2	\$42,000	7	\$ 85,200
3	\$52,800	8	\$ 96,000
4	\$63,600	9	\$106,800

4. Michigan Rx Price Finder - www.michigandrugprices.com

- 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.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

5. 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 _____

6. 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 _____

7. 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 _____

8. 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 _____

9. St. John Pharmacies - <http://www.stjohnprovidence.org/pharmacy/>

- Offers a generic drug discount program; 3-month supply of certain medications for \$12. To enroll, ask your physician to write your prescription for a 3-month supply.
- Many commonly used antibiotics also available for \$1.99 for a maximum 2-week supply.
- Several metro Detroit locations; mail order service is also available.

10. 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 _____

11. Social Security Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs

- <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp/>

- To qualify, person must be on Medicare, have limited resources and income.
- See website link above to see if you qualify or call 800-772-1213.
- More info and to apply online: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10525.html>

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

MEDICAID - MEDICARE STATEWIDE PROGRAMS:

1. Medicaid - www.michigan.gov/mdch (Michigan Dept. of Community Health)

- (517-373-3740)

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. Medicaid Provider Manual Overview (Michigan Dept. of Community Health)

- Link to a page that gives options to download the Manual, Bulletins, etc.:
http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2945_5100-87572--,00.html
- Link to pdf version of the Manual (23 MB, so may take a while to download):
<http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/dch-medicaid/manuals/MedicaidProviderManual.pdf>

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

3. Medicare Savings Program

- This program may help the elderly or those have a disability to pay the cost of their monthly Medicare Premium
- Eligibility is based on income and assets. To qualify, you must have:
- Monthly income below \$1,036 and assets worth less than \$4,000 as a single person, or
- Monthly income below \$1,390 and assets worth less than \$6,000 as a married couple
- Call 1-800-772-1213 for more information or apply at your county Department of Human Services Office.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

4. Michigan's Home Help Services Program

- Michigan Dept. of Human Services
- Designed to enable people of very modest means - who cannot completely manage to care for themselves - to continue to live in their homes rather than nursing homes, adult foster care homes, or homes for the aged.

- People enrolled in the program are expected to employ their own caregiver; they may choose to employ friends or relatives, however, program rules prohibit a spouse or, in cases where the client is under 18, a parent.
- The Michigan Quality Community Care Council maintains a registry to help locate a qualified provider (800-979-4662).
- Apply to local Michigan Dept. of Human Services
- Individuals must be eligible for Medicaid (special income and asset limits apply) in order to qualify.
- Brochure with more information:
http://www.pekdadvocacy.com/documents/MI/MI_Home_Help_Services.pdf

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

5. Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Listing by County

- From Michigan Dept. of Community Health
- List of Medicaid health plans showing MI counties in which each health plan operates.
- http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/MHP_Service_Area_Listing_326102_7.pdf

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS (not Medicaid/Medicare Related):

Services related to People with Disabilities:

1. AT Xchange (Michigan Disability Rights Coalition) - <http://www.atxchange.org/v3/home.php>

- Offers a free on-line exchange where consumers can share information about equipment they have and no longer need or equipment they want and hope someone else can spare.
- Categories of devices listed include computers, hearing, learning, mobility, speech, vision, other.
- 517-333-2477

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund - <http://www.michiganloanfunds.org/atlf/>

- Allows people with disabilities and seniors (or their family members) to purchase assistive technology devices or services, including modification of vehicles and homes. Loans may also cover cost of training to use the purchased equipment, warranties, and service agreements
- Assistive technology is defined as any item, piece of equipment, or device that enables an individual with a disability to improve individual independence and quality of life.
- To apply, call 800-828-2714

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

3. Michigan Employment Loan Fund - <http://www.michiganloanfunds.org/melf/>

- Mission is to reduce or eliminate barriers to employment through low-interest loans.
- Michigan residents with all disabilities, including seniors with age-related functional limitations, are eligible. You must be at least 18 and/or your own guardian.
- Loans must be used to buy business equipment, and related education/training to use the equipment, needed for home-based employment as an employee or business owner on a full or part-time basis.

- To apply, call 800-828-2714

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

4. Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)

- Partners with individuals and employers to achieve quality employment outcomes and independence for persons with disabilities.
- Workforce Programs to help eligible individuals with disabilities (those with existing physical/mental impairment and have work related barriers due to a disability) get and keep a job.
- Vocational rehabilitation counseling designed to help people with disabilities decide on an appropriate employment goal.
- Youth employment services
- Choose your employment plan - when you become eligible for services from MRS, you will need to develop a written Individualized Plan for Employment that will show how you will achieve your employment goal. There are several options for developing the plan with or without an MRS counselor.
- Phone: 800-605-6722
- <http://www.michigan.gov/mdcd/0,1607,7-122-25392---,00.html>

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

5. State Disability Assistance (only for folks not on Medicaid)

- The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program provides cash assistance to disabled adults to help them pay for living expenses such as rent, heat, utilities, clothing, food and personal care items. A person is considered **disabled** for SDA purposes if he/she:
- Receives certain other disability-related benefits (such as Medicaid based on disability or blindness).
- Resides in a special facility (such as a licensed Adult Foster Care Home).
- Is certified by DHS medical consultants as unable to work due to a mental or physical disability for at least 90 days.
- SDA may also be provided to the caretaker of a disabled person or to a person age 65 or older. An SDA group can be either a single person or spouses who live together.
- Contact your local DHS office to begin the process of receiving this benefit.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

Miscellaneous State Services:

1. 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
- www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5452_7122_36921---,00.html

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. DHS Plan First! - www.michigan.gov/mdch

- 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.

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

3. Incontinence Supplies and Services

- If your doctor said that you or your child (can be an adult) has a problem with incontinence, this information will tell you how to get the services and products you need.
- Note: **If you are in a Medicaid health plan, this information does not apply to you. Call your plan to find out how to order supplies.**
- If you are a **Medicare/Medicaid beneficiary**, you will be required to use J&B Medical as your supplier for Medicare non-covered incontinence supplies.
- J&B Medical - 800-737-0045
- For more information see: www.michigan.gov/documents/dipfinal_88492_7.pdf

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

4. Michigan Assistance and Referral Service (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.
- www.mfia.state.mi.us/mars

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

5. Michigan 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 _____

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

1. Lifeline and Link-up Telephone Assistance

- A government program where 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); or visit www.att.com/Common/images/Lifeline/LifelineMI.pdf
- All other companies call (866-321-2323)

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE:

Medicaid related (for those on Medicaid):

For a complete listing with more information on the services below, see:
www.pekdadvocacy.com/documents/medicaid/Transportation_Services.pdf

1. Blue Caid

- To/from medical appointment and/or treatment with 48 hours advance notice.
- Customer service number: 800-228-8554

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

2. CareSource

- To/from doctor appointments, including mental health and vision visits, trips to pharmacy for Rx refills, child birthing classes.
- Customer service number: 800-390-7102

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

3. Great Lakes Health Plan

- To/from doctor visits, medical supply companies, dialysis clinics, health departments, MIHP, any family planning clinic, hospitals for non-emergency care, vision clinics.
- Customer service number: 800-903-5253

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

4. Health Plan of MI

- To/from all scheduled medical appointments. Stop at pharmacy for Rx fill is included with medical appointments. Also covered for Education classes, (Diabetes, Asthma, Childbirth, etc.). Transportation methods include: taxi, van, bus tickets and mileage reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement must be pre-arranged with Access-To-Care.
- Customer service number: 888-437-0606

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

5. Health Plus Partners

- Cab service for ABAD, Seniors, and those determined medically necessary by their physician - 24 hours notice; Mileage vouchers, bus passes, your ride passes - 3-5 business days for mailing of passes.
- Customer service number: 800-332-9161

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

6. Midwest Health Plan

- Transportation is arranged for trips to doctor and specialist appointments, mental health, vision, WIC and Pharmacy.
- Customer service number: 888-654-2200

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

7. Molina Health Care

- To/from doctor's appointments, including outpatient mental health visits covered by the health plan and vision services. Trips to the pharmacy for Rx fills, child birthing classes.
- Customer service number: 888-898-7969

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

8. OmniCare Health Plan

- Non-emergent transportation
- Customer service number: 866-314-3784

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

9. PHP Mid MI

- Medical, Mental Health (20 outpatient visits), Vision, Pharmacy
- Customer service number: 800-661-8299

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

10. Priority Health Gov. Programs

- Non-emergent transportation to/from doctor appointments
- Customer service number: 888-975-8102

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

11. ProCare

- Non-emergent transportation to/from member appointments
- Customer service number: 877-255-3055

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

12. Total Health Care

- To and from doctor and specialist appointments, including WIC appointments, mental health, vision, and health education classes.
- Customer service number: 800-826-2862

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

13. UPHP

- To and from doctor's appointments, including mental health (for 20 visit benefit, not CMH visits) and vision visits. Non-emergent travel to an authorized in-patient stay but not a return trip. Trips to the pharmacy for Rx fills, child birthing classes, MIHP appointments, WIC visits, health education classes.
- Customer service number: 800-835-2556

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

Private and Other Transportation Services:

1. Detroit Department of Transportation Services

[Click here for their ADA services](#), accessibility guidelines, and services for senior citizens.

2. Waterford Senior Center (www.waterford.k12.mi.us/SeniorCenter/default.htm)

- To/from medical appointments, errands
- Recommended donation \$3.00 per one-way trip; reservations must be made in advance
- Call 248-682-9450
- For application, see www.pekdadvocacy.com/documents/MI/Waterford_Senior_Center.pdf

UTILITY SERVICES:

1. Consumer’s Energy Budget Plan - www.consumersenergy.com

- 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

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

2. 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 _____

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:
www.michigangasutilities.com/service/arrangements.aspx

Utilized: Yes No

Reason _____

4. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- A federally funded program that assists qualified families with their home energy needs such as heating in the winter, cooling their homes in the summer, and insulating their homes to make them more energy efficient and reduce their energy costs.
- Phone: 866-674-5327
- <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/index.html>

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 customer’s 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. 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_____

7. The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW)

- Independent, non-profit agency that provides low income individuals and families with emergency energy assistance and advocates for long-term solutions to energy issues.
- Households requesting assistance must have: a shut-off notice (seniors age 62+ are exempt from this requirement), an immediate need for heat, a residential utility account in their own name, already discussed their bill with their utility company, applied for all other public and private resources, and paid a utility bill of \$200 in the last six months.
- (800) 826-8429

Utilized: Yes No

Reason_____

8. 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_____

9. 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 _____

10. 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 _____