

# Senior Citizen Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance Grants



## ● What is the Senior Citizens Circuit Breaker Grant, and who qualifies?

This program provides low-income senior citizens with yearly grants to help pay property taxes. The amount of the grant is determined by a formula which takes into account your property taxes and your total household income. To qualify for a "circuit breaker" grant you must:

- Be age 65 or older before January 1 of the tax year. If you reach age 65 during the tax year, you may be eligible for a partial grant covering the months in which you qualify.
- Have lived in an Illinois residence which was subject to property taxes during the tax year.
- Live in Illinois at the time you file for a grant.
- Have a maximum household income of \$21,218 for a one person household, \$28,480 for a two person household, and \$35,740 for a household of three or more persons.
- Obtain an application from the Township Assessor's office, and complete and file it on or before December 31 of the tax year.

## ● When are these grants paid?

If you file a qualifying claim early in the year, grants will be issued within three to four months. For claims filed after May 1, grants are usually issued within eight to ten weeks.

## ● If I die, will my spouse continue to receive the circuit breaker grant?

If your surviving spouse was age 63 or older before your death, he or she may continue to file for circuit breaker grants.

Forms for this program may be obtained at the Assessor's Office, but the program is administered by the:

Illinois Department of Revenue  
P.O. Box 19003  
Springfield, IL 62794-9003  
1-800-624-2459

## ● What is the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program and who qualifies?

The annual cost of Pharmaceutical Assistance coverage is based on your total income.

Coverage will cost \$5 if

- your marital status is single and your total income is less than \$8,590; or
- your marital status is married and living separately and your total income is less than \$8,590; or
- your marital status is married and living together, and your total income is less than \$11,610.

Coverage will cost \$25 if

- your marital status is single and your total income is \$8,590 or more; or
- your marital status is married and living separately and your total income is \$8,950 or more; or
- your marital status is married and living together, and your total income is \$11,610 or more.

Forms for this program may be obtained at the Assessor's Office, but the program is administered by the:

Illinois Department of Revenue  
Pharmaceutical Assistance  
P.O. Box 19021  
Springfield, IL 62794-9021  
1-800-624-2459

## ● How do I receive a discount on my vehicle license plates?

Vehicle license plate discounts are issued by the Illinois Secretary of State. You are eligible to receive a discount for one vehicle after the Illinois Department of Revenue forwards approval of Form IL-1363 to them.

For further information, write to: Illinois Secretary of State  
Renewals Section  
Room 500 Howlett Bldg  
Springfield, IL 62756-7000