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**By Nov. 17: Apply for benefits outreach grants**

The Administration for Community Living has awarded NCOA's Center for Benefits Access a grant to continue providing technical assistance to benefits counselors to find and enroll low-income people with Medicare into the Part D Low-Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Programs. As part of the initiative, NCOA will enhance its BenefitsCheckUp® online screening tool and award up to 10 grants to local organizations to become new Benefits Enrollment Centers. Letters of intent are due Nov. 17.

[See how to apply](#) | [Get details on the grant](#)

**Help a senior apply for SNAP now—and get benefits by Thanksgiving**

It takes an average of 30 days from application to benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). That makes now the perfect time to help hungry seniors in your community apply for SNAP, so they can have benefits in time to pay for Thanksgiving.

[Download your state SNAP application](#) | [Use our materials to spread the word](#)

**In time for Veterans Day: Tips on Medicare**

NCOA's My Medicare Matters recently updated its Veterans page with more information about how existing VA, TRICARE, and CHAMPVA benefits work with Medicare. If you serve Veterans, please read and share!

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**Grant focuses on seniors and public transportation**

The National Center on Senior Transportation is seeking applicants for a new grant to help communities develop and test interventions to encourage more older adults to access public transportation. Funded projects will be required to partner with one of several national initiatives that support aging in place.

**Apply by Nov. 7**

### **Social Security benefits get a boost**

Social Security benefits will rise by 1.7% beginning in January. This will lead to an average monthly retiree benefit of \$1,328, an average payment to individuals with disabilities of \$1,165, and a new monthly SSI standard of \$733.

[Learn more](#)

### ***Coming up ...***

- **Using SNAP Benefits and Recertification** : Learn how to help seniors use and keep their SNAP food benefits. *Oct. 29 @ 3 p.m. ET*
- **Medicare in 2015: What You Need to Know** : Find out what changes are in store for Medicare in the coming year. *Nov. 5 @ 2 p.m. ET*
- **NISC Programs of Excellence** : Hear three 2013 winners present their outstanding senior center programs. *Nov. 13 @ 1:30 p.m. ET*

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