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**Meet our new SNAP grantees!**

With generous support from the Walmart Foundation, NCOA has granted \$1.15 million to 30 community organizations to help enroll seniors into the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Last year, our SNAP grantees helped over 31,000 seniors apply for food assistance. Since 2009, our BenefitsCheckUp® tool has helped more than 1 million people identify over \$1.1 billion in SNAP benefits.

[Meet the grantees](#) | [Find SNAP outreach tools](#) | [Get your state's SNAP application](#)

**Federal benefits and protections from debt garnishment**

Did you know that Social Security and VA benefits are generally protected from garnishment to pay a debt to a private person or company? A new advisory from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office of Older Americans explains how these protections work. The advisory includes a helpful letter for older adults to use when communicating with debt collectors about garnishment.

[Read the advisory](#)

**Tell us about your state aging conferences**

The Center for Benefits Access is interested in hearing from you about state/regional aging conferences that may have a focus on benefits access or financial security issues. Center staff members are available throughout the year to attend and speak on various topics related to economic security, and to learn more about what's going on in your state.

[Send us conference information](#)

**May is Mental Health Month!**

Depression, anxiety, and suicide affect millions of older adults, but they can be treated and prevented. Medicare covers a wide range of mental health screenings, and inpatient and outpatient treatment services. And in honor of Mental Health

Month, My Medicare Matters® has teamed up with Mental Health America to create several new resources about mental illness to share with older adults.

[Download Medicare's guide to mental health benefits](#) | [Find consumer fact sheets](#)

***Check this out...***

*Click2Mail: An efficient tool to reach potential and existing clients*—Read about this promising practice in Kentucky to effectively reach clients with Medicare enrollment information.

*Veterans' Benefits Webinar Follow-Up*—Find links, slides, and a recording of last month's webinar on veterans' benefits.

*Updated 2015 Spousal Impoverishment Standards*—Read this memo updating the standards for spousal impoverishment as they relate to Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid.

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