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**Webinar: End stage renal disease & Medicare**

Approximately 1% of all Medicare enrollees qualify for Medicare solely because they have End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). Unlike age- and disability-related Medicare, ESRD Medicare is a separate benefit, with special rules about coverage and coordination with other insurance. Join us on June 24 as we host the Medicare Rights Center for a webinar explaining the options, transitions, and Medicare benefits for people with ESRD.

[Register for the webinar](#)

**SNAP enrollment has risen, but remains low for elderly**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a core benefit that helps older adults afford food. Despite increases in SNAP enrollment among older adults over the past decade, only 42% of eligible seniors receive the benefit, with seniors in large, rural states less likely to be enrolled than those in New England and the Pacific Northwest. Our new visualization tool highlights these and other trends in SNAP participation over the past 10 years.

[Explore the trends](#) | [Use the visualization tool](#)

**New guide to federal resources for caregivers**

The White House Conference on Aging has compiled an online guide with links to federal resources for caregivers. The links include information on benefits, caregiver support tools, long-term services, and supports, and employment and leave rules for individuals who may be taking time off work to handle their caregiving responsibilities.

[Get the links](#)

**Get updated info on the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program**

It's farmers' market season again, and a perfect opportunity to consider whether low-income seniors in your area may qualify for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). SFMNP provides coupons to eligible seniors aged

60+ to purchase produce and food at participating farms, farmers' markets, and roadside stands.

[Find your state's SFMNP contact and eligibility criteria](#)

### ***Register...***

[Navigating an Unclear Path: Preparing for Retirement in the 21st Century](#), June 11 at 2 p.m. ET--Register for this webinar from the Institute on Assets and Social Policy.

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

[Retirement Research Foundation Responsive Grants](#)—Learn how community organizations can apply for grants to develop advocacy programs, direct service, and education & training related to older adults. The Foundation has a special focus on Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Florida.

[New Online Service for Replacing Medicare Cards](#)—Discover a new mechanism to order a replacement card from Social Security for those with my Social Security accounts.

[Making Complaints Easier](#)—Medicare has different ways for consumers to register their dissatisfaction with a plan or provider, as well as to make formal appeals, as this blog post describes.

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