



SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISABILITY SERVICES ABLEGRAM

September—October 2020

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Medicare Part C/D Open Enrollment Period



Every year, between October 15th and December 7th, Medicare beneficiaries can review, join, cancel or switch their Medicare Part C (Advantage) or Part D (prescription) plans.

Please call us first at 847-285-4541 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are required and may fill quickly. We strongly encourage phone appointments, but in-person appointments are available if needed.

Staff is trained by the State of Illinois Department on Aging Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and provide free, unbiased counseling.

**WE'RE HERE
FOR YOU.**

The Township of Schaumburg is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am—5 pm. **We kindly ask that you please give us a call first** at 847-285-4541 for assistance with services and programs or even if you just have a question.

Staff is available to help you with many services and programs that can be completed without you being present, however in-person appointments are also available. In an effort to limit waiting times for in-person appointments, please do not arrive until your appointment time.

Virtual Programs

How to Access Virtual Programs

Listed below are two ways to participate in our virtual programming. If you still need assistance call us and we can help!

1. Using a computer, tablet, or smartphone, go to zoom.us and join a meeting. Enter the meeting ID: 471 587 2835. When prompted, enter the password: 8840030. (Password will never change.) Choose to allow access to your camera and/or microphone.
2. Using your regular telephone or cell phone, call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 471 587 2835. To ensure the security of each session, you will need to enter the password: 8840030.

Virtual Programming

Disability Services continues to offer virtual programming for our residents with disabilities, their families, and professionals due to COVID-19. All virtual programs are free.

If you have an idea for an educational topic, please let us know at 847-285-4541. We would love to hear your ideas.

Maintaining Your Lifestyle with Vision Loss

September 23 | 10 am

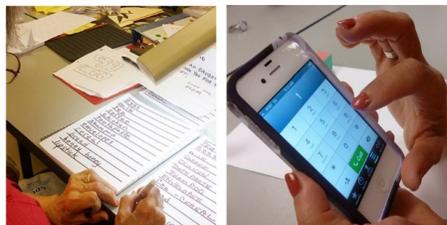
Join us on September 23 for a virtual presentation from Second Sense on helpful tools for staying independent with low vision. RSVP with Disability Services at 847-285-4541.

ONLINE

<https://zoom.us/j/4715872835>
Meeting ID: 471 587 2835
Password: 8840030

PHONE

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Skills you can learn:

- Use home appliances for cooking, laundry and other household chores
- Increase safety in your home and avoid accidents
- Make reading easier with lighting and magnification
- Dine with confidence and grace
- Keep track of private information, appointments and phone numbers
- Continue using a computer
- Make calls, send texts and emails using an iPhone or iPad
- Find recreational enjoyment with audio books, movies and theater

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Community Health Nurse Virtual Programs and Services

Northwest Community Healthcare nurse Janet Stachula, RN, offers free virtual programming Thursdays at 1 p.m. on health related topics.

To participate, call 847-285-4551 to register and obtain the password. The password for each session will be the same! Log on to zoom.us and join the meeting using the meeting ID 471 587 2835. When prompted, enter the password.

You may also join by phone by calling 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 471 587 2835 and enter the password.

Nurse Janet facilitates the Walking Group every Tuesday and Thursday 8:45 – 9:45 am at Volkening Lake, the Diabetes Support Group every Wednesday 10:30—11:30 am, and hosts free virtual programming Thursdays at 1 pm on health related topics. Register at 847-285-4551 or jstachula@nch.org.

Services and Programs

LIHEAP Available Now!

Disability Services is now accepting applications for The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). **Please call 847-285-4541 first for an appointment** and for a list of required documents you will need for your appointment. Appointments can be done remotely and in-person if needed. LIHEAP provides assistance toward Nicor Gas and/or ComEd accounts.



Gross Monthly Income Guidelines

- 1 person household \$2,127
- 2 person household \$2,873
- 3 person household \$3,620

Other CEDA Programs Available

ComEd Residential Special Hardship

For residential household customers who must meet income guidelines, have a least a \$25 past-due and a financial hardship issue. Program runs until funds are exhausted. **An eligible household can only receive a grant every two years.**

Furnace Assistance

Designed to restore a home's heating system to a safe and effective operation to approved households that have or are eligible to receive a LIHEAP benefit. The heating system must not be operational or be red-tagged by their utility company. The services are free of charge for income qualifying households. **Renters are not eligible to apply.**

Weatherization

Provides solutions to reduce energy costs and make homes more energy efficient for eligible residents in Cook County. Program will install energy saving measures to increase home performance, reduce energy and save money for clients by inspections, insulation, and air sealing. Services are performed at no cost to income-eligible applicants depending on the program. Weatherization services are per address once every 10 years.



For more information or schedule an appointment to apply for these programs, please call 847-285-4541.

Holiday Adoption Program

The holiday season is quickly approaching! If you are experiencing a hardship this holiday season, we invite you to apply for our Holiday Adoption program. The Holiday Adoption program, coordinated by Welfare Services, has generous community donors who wish to 'adopt' those in need during the holiday season.

To qualify, a one-person household monthly gross income must be less than \$2,127 and \$2,873 for a two-person household. Special circumstances will also be considered.

To apply, call for an application starting October 1st. Applications are due October 16th. We cannot guarantee that all applicants will be selected.

Holiday Donors Needed!

If you are interested in "adopting" a person or a family this holiday season, please contact Amy Fillmore in Welfare Services at 847-884-0030 ext. 1010 or afillmore@schaumburgtownship.org.



Each donor is matched with a person or a family in need and purchases items to make their holiday a little brighter. We appreciate any and all support you can provide this year.

Township's Community Shred Day

Saturday, October 3rd

9—11 a.m.

**Where: Township of Schaumburg
Parking Lot**

**1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates
Free Paper Shredding Available!
Check our website for more details!**



Take Charge of Your Diabetes Virtual Workshop

Do you have diabetes, pre-diabetes or are you caring for someone who has diabetes? Then join the "Take Charge of Your Diabetes" VIRTUAL workshop coordinated by the Health Promotion Team at AgeOptions.

Workshops meet every Tuesday via Zoom for 2 1/2 hours starting September 15—October 20, 9—11:30 a.m.

Space is limited; register today at 800-699-9043 or email TakeCharge@ageoptions.org.

Social Services



Supplemental
Nutrition
Assistance
Program

SNAP Program

Looking for a way to stretch your grocery budget? Then see if you qualify for SNAP benefits! SNAP provides monthly assistance toward your grocery bill that can be used at most area grocery stores. Benefits are automatically loaded on a LINK card monthly.

To qualify, households with a person 60+ or with a disability, must meet the following income guidelines:

Gross Monthly Income Guidelines

1 person household	\$2,082
2 person household	\$2,818

Staff is trained to help you file SNAP applications. Call 847-285-4541 for a caseworker to assist you.

Benefit Access Program

The Benefit Access Program provides a discount off the annual license plate registration fee and the Free Ride Transit Pass.

To qualify, applicants must also be over the age of 65 or 16 and older with a permanent disability. Gross income from 2019 for a single household must be less than \$33,562; limit for a two-person household is \$44,533. Applicants must reapply every two years for the program.

To see if you qualify or to schedule an appointment, call 847-285-4541.



Trained Staff Ready to Help with Medicare and Medicaid

Township staff are trained Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselors who are available to help explain benefits, troubleshoot issues, clarify information and more. **Appointments are required.**

Staff can also screen for other assistance programs which may help reduce costs related to Medicare and prescription drugs. If you have full Medicare and Medicaid, you might be eligible for the Medicare Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI) program, which includes other services such as meals, transportation and more.

(SHIP) is a free service to help those with Medicare or Medicaid and is sponsored by the Illinois Department on Aging.

There is no fee to meet with staff.

Schaumburg Township's Food Pantry Visits Updates



The Township's food pantry has changed food pantry hours to offer afternoon appointments. Clients need to make an appointment by calling 847-884-0030 ext. 1013.

Food Pantry Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30 am—1:30 pm
Tuesday, Thursday: 12—4 pm

****Enter through the main entrance of the building for your appointment. The north entrance is closed.****

The food pantry remains client choice by appointment and is currently in the gym. Clients are welcome to visit the pantry twice a month by appointment. For more information, questions or concerns, please contact Amy Fillmore at 847-884-0030 ext. 1010.

Nicor and ComEd COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Programs

Nicor and ComEd announced new COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Programs to help you on past due balances. Below are more details about each utility's program.

Nicor Gas COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program

To be eligible for this program, residential customers must **apply and be approved for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) first and meet income guidelines set by Nicor.** After being approved for LIHEAP, call Nicor at 1-888-642-6748 to apply to receive a one-time grant, while funding is available, on your next bill to help pay off an account balance of up to \$300.

ComEd Bill Payment Assistance Program

To be eligible for this program, **customers must first apply and be approved for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).** After being approved for LIHEAP, call ComEd at 1-800-334-7661 to apply for help on your past due balance of up to \$500. Program runs through December 31, 2020

More Services and Programs

Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club Hearing Aid and Eyeglasses Assistance

The Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club can assist township residents with obtaining hearing aids and eyeglasses.

The hearing aid program offers reconditioned over-the-ear style hearing aids and exams through a contracted audiologist. To apply, contact Lauren Ewan at 847-285-4541 or email at lewan@schaumburgtownship.org.

Also, our department can assist residents with obtaining eyeglasses who show financial hardship. Approved applicants must go to the Pearle Vision in Lake Zurich for the eye exam and eyeglasses—no exceptions. For more information or to apply for the program, please call 847-285-4541 and a staff member will assist you.



Flu Shot Clinic with Jewel Osco Pharmacy

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Jewel Osco Pharmacy is hosting two flu vaccination clinics this year at the Township of Schaumburg.

Appointments required online at: <https://bit.ly/34kBuCD> or call 847-895-1600 (Ext #4). Call 847-895-1600 (Ext #4) with any questions or email Jay.Highland@jewelosco.com.

Dates: Thursday, Sept. 17th

Friday, Sept. 18th

Time: 9:30 am—12:30 pm (Both days)

Location: Township of Schaumburg Building

1 Illinois Boulevard

Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Please bring a photo ID and your insurance cards (e.g. Medicare, commercial plans, medical, etc.) to your appointment.

Thank you to everyone who made our 35th annual Summer Celebration a huge success! We passed out lemon themed gift bags to nearly 30 families and about 55 guests played virtual bingo. A special thank you to the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club members who delivered the goodie bags.

We especially appreciate our sponsors, the Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates Lions Club and the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC). Fun was had by all who attended and helped with the event.

ITAC Program

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation's (ITAC) program offers free amplified telephones and two cell phone amplifiers for qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Disability Services is a selection center to test the phones. **At this time, we are only accepting appointments to test the phones/cell phone amplifiers. You must call 847-285-4541 for an appointment. Due to COVID-19 and the safety of others, we are not allowing walk-in service right now. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you are unable to test the phones, clients can still apply for the program and choose a phone.** There are five phones and three cell phone amplifiers to choose from and every three years you are eligible for another piece of equipment. Contact disability services for more information.



Village of Schaumburg's Nursing and Senior Services Division Info

If you need to rent medical equipment, the village of Schaumburg's Nursing and Senior Services Division has resumed loaning medical equipment to residents. Call 847-923-3766 for an appointment.

Nursing home visits have also resumed and new clients should call the office to inquire. Personal care visits continue with current clients only.

Unwanted/unused prescription collection has resumed in the lobby of the Schaumburg Police Department, 1000 E. Schaumburg Road.

FREE Energy Services Kits

If you are a ComEd and/or a Nicor customer, you are eligible to receive FREE energy efficiency kits from the respective utility companies.



The kits include light bulbs, a smart power strip, faucet aerators and more! The kits will be mailed to you in 3-5 weeks.

Nicor customers will need to provide the customer of record on their bill and their Nicor account number. ComEd customers only need to provide the customer of record on their bill. Schedule an appointment to complete your free Energy Services Kit form at 847-285-4541.

Transportation Services

Monday and Friday Shopping Trips Schedule With the Township Bus

Below are the **Monday and Friday** retail shopping trips schedule for September and October. Reservations are required at 847-882-1929. For everyone's safety, we are limiting the amount of riders for appropriate social distancing and face masks are required.

September 2020

Friday—4th	Walmart 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood
Friday—11th	Target 2621 Schaumburg Road Schaumburg
Monday—14th Friday—18th	Walmart 801 Meacham Road Elk Grove Village
Monday—21st Friday—25th	Target 1235 Higgins Road Schaumburg
Monday—28th	Walmart 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood

October

Friday—2nd	Walmart 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood
Monday—5th Friday—9th	Walmart 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood
Monday—12th Friday—16th	Target 2621 Schaumburg Road Schaumburg
Monday—19th Friday—23rd	Walmart 801 Meacham Road Elk Grove Village
Monday—26th Friday—30th	Target 1235 Higgins Road Schaumburg



Township Transportation Available

Transportation within the people with permanent disabilities who are 18 years of age or older. Please call

Transportation Dispatch at 847-882-1929 for more information, to schedule your ride or to register. There is a \$1 fee per ride. For everyone's safety, we are limiting the amount of riders for appropriate social distancing and face masks are required.

Grocery Trips Schedule:

- **Monday and Friday: Walmart and Target; 12:30 p.m. drop-off, 2:30 p.m. pick-up**
- **Tuesday: Valli; 9:15 a.m. drop-off, 10:30 a.m. pick-up**
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Jewel, Aldi, Mariano's; 9:15 a.m. drop-off, 10:30 a.m. pick-up**

Residents who are homebound can still receive pantry deliveries by calling Transportation Services.

Secretary of State's Office Updates

- Driver Services Facilities are now open
- All driver's licenses, ID cards, vehicle registration, that are currently expired or set to expire by Sept. 30 have been extended until Nov. 1, 2020.
- All employees are wearing face masks and customers are required to do the same. Plexiglass dividers have been installed at all work stations and tape has been applied to the floor in 6-foot intervals to follow social distancing guidelines, limiting the number of customers inside a facility at one time.
- Please be patient and prepared to wait outside in various types of weather. This is due to social distancing, which limits the number of people inside a facility at one time.
- Secretary of State and State Treasurer have waived E-check payment processing for vehicle sticker renewal, duplicate driver's license/ID card and driver's license renewal with Safe Driver Renewal.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security pushes back REAL ID deadline one year to Oct. 1, 2021. Current Illinois driver's licenses or ID cards will continue to be accepted at airports, military bases and secure federal facilities until Oct. 1, 2021.

Medicare/Health News

Picking Up Your Prescriptions



It's important to keep taking your medications as prescribed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are some tips to help you protect yourself from COVID-19 when getting your prescriptions:

- If possible, call in prescription orders ahead of time.
- Use drive-thru windows, curbside services, mail-order, or other delivery services.
- Try to make one trip, picking up all medicine at the same time.
- If you go into the pharmacy, remember to wear a face covering and maintain social distance.

During this time, you may also want to contact your Medicare prescription drug plan to see if they've temporarily waived certain requirements such as waiving prescription refill limits or relaxing restrictions on home delivery or mail delivery of prescription drugs. You can also ask your Medicare drug plan about extended-day supplies.

For more general information about COVID-19 and your Medicare coverage, visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov).

Free Face Shields Available at Township



Schaumburg Township is distributing clear face shields to Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities for The Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC).

Free clear face shields are available to the following who live in Illinois:

- Deaf and Hard of Hearing adults and children
- People with hearing loss
- Late Deafened adults
- Sign language Interpreters
- Hearing people who work with Deaf & HOH people

Thanks, IDHHC, for the face shields! Limited quantities - First come, first served! For more information or if you are interested, please contact Sarita: sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org or 224-520-9763 VP.

Special thanks to Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) which provided the face shields to IDHHC for distribution.

Help Fight Medicare Fraud

Stay alert for fraud during the coronavirus national emergency. Con artists like to take advantage of people when they're distracted.

Con artists may try to get your Medicare Number or personal information so they can steal your identity and commit Medicare fraud. Medicare fraud results in higher health care costs and taxes for everyone.

Protect yourself from Medicare fraud. Guard your Medicare card like it's a credit card. Remember:

- Medicare will never contact you for your Medicare Number or other personal information unless you've given them permission in advance.
- Medicare will never call you to sell you anything.
- You may get calls from people promising you things if you give them a Medicare Number. Don't do it.
- Medicare will never visit you at your home.
- Medicare can't enroll you over the phone unless you called first.

Prescription Drug Take Back



Safe Disposal Is Important! Proper disposal of unneeded or expired medication can prevent prescription drug misuse and accidental poisonings and protect the environment. Drop off unneeded or expired prescription medications at a local drug take back location below. When in doubt about your disposal, contact your local pharmacist.

Elk Grove Village Police Department

901 Wellington Ave, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
847-357-4100

Hours: Open 24/7

- The Elk Grove Village PD has a prescription drug collection box in the Police Department lobby.
- Residents may bring in their unwanted medications at any time, no questions asked.

Hoffman Estates Department of Health & Human Services

1900 Hassell Rd. Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
847-882-9100

Hours: First Wednesday of the month; 10 am—to 2 pm

- Drop off prescription drugs at front desk

Schaumburg Police Department

1000 Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60194
847-882-3534

Hours: Open 24/7



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Ticket to Work

SEPTEMBER 9TH 10 AM

Join us for a virtual presentation from Disability Services of America on career and benefits counseling services available through the Social Security Ticket to Work program and how to apply. RSVP at 847-285-4541.



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