



BENEFITS PLUS SCREENING GUIDE

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It is designed for social service professionals to keep on top of the ever-changing government benefit system.

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Access a Ride	Provides transportation services through a paratransit service within NYC’s five boroughs to people with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual with disabilities who is unable to use NYC’s public transportation system; • There are no citizenship/immigration or financial criteria. 	https://new.mta.info/accessibility/paratransit	Support Services/Transportation Services/Access a Ride
ACS Subsidized Child Care	Free or low cost subsidized child care services for eligible families living in New York City available for children. Eligible families are able to access child care services at group child care centers, family based child care, or through informal providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC Guaranteed services to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Families on Cash Assistance (CA): where child care is needed to engage in work or work activities; ○ Families receiving Transitional Child Care, where child care is needed; ○ Families eligible for Child Care in Lieu of CA to enable the child’s parent to work. • All other households must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have a child between the ages of 6 weeks through 12 years old. If funds are available, assistance is provided for children with special needs through age 18; ○ Families must have a need for child care under ACS’ priority system; ○ Child must be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien (parent may be undocumented); ○ NYC resident; ○ Income below 200% of the State Income Standard; • There is no resource criteria. 	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/early-care/eligibility.page	Support Services/ACS Subsidized Child Care



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AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)	Provides free medication for the treatment of HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an HIV-infection, including those who are asymptomatic; • NYS resident; • No resource requirement; • Income below 500% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL); • Not be enrolled in health plans that cover prescription drugs, including Medicaid and Medicare Part D; • There are no citizenship/immigration criteria. 	https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/resources/adap/eligibility.htm	Health Programs/HIV Uninsured Care Programs
ADAP Plus	Provides free primary care services at selected clinics, hospital outpatient departments, office based physicians and lab vendors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as ADAP, see above, ADAP. 	https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/resources/adap/	Health Programs/HIV Uninsured Care Programs
ADAP Plus Insurance Continuation Program (APIC)	Pays the premium for commercial health insurance for applicants who have existing coverage purchased directly from an insurance company or agent, coverage through their employer where the employee contribution for the coverage creates a financial hardship, or COBRA coverage when a person loses his/her job and cannot afford the premiums.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as ADAP, see above, ADAP; • Health plan policies must be comprehensive and provide full prescription and primary care coverage without annual coverage caps. 	https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/resources/adap/	Health Programs/HIV Uninsured Care Programs
Affordable Care Act (ACA)	Requires all U.S. citizens and lawfully present individuals to have health coverage or pay a tax penalty. Certain individuals are exempt and therefore are not subject to the penalty. Individuals are able to view and purchase health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen or lawfully present individual; • Not be incarcerated; • Resident of the state covered by the Marketplace, State Marketplace, if one in the resident's state, if not, can 	NYS Marketplace: https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/	Health Programs/Affordable Care Act



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	<p>plans through an online Marketplace. Insurance affordability benefits are available for low-income households. See below, <i>Cost Sharing Reduction Benefit</i> and the <i>Premium Tax Credit</i>.</p>	<p>use the Federal marketplace;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no financial criteria. 	<p>Federal Marketplace - https://www.healthcare.gov/</p>	
Cash Assistance (CA)	<p>A monthly cash benefit through an electronic benefit transfer. The amount of the cash benefit is based on financial need and household size.</p> <p>In New York State, the Cash Assistance program is comprised of two programs: Family Assistance (FA) for families with dependent children and Safety Net Assistance (SNA) for singles or couples without dependent children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FA: U.S. citizen or qualified alien (some qualified aliens must have resided in the U.S. for 5 years); • SNA: U.S. citizen, qualified alien or an individual permanently residing under color of law as defined by the program; • NYS resident; • Resources below \$2,000; \$3,000, if a family member is 60 or older; • FA: Countable monthly income below \$574.50 for a family of 2; \$951.70 for family of 4; • SNA: Countable monthly income below \$398.10 for a family of 1; \$541.50 for family of 2. 	<p>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/cash-assistance.page</p>	Cash Benefits/Cash Assistance
CHAMPVA	<p>Health care services to the dependents and survivors of certain veterans. It covers most healthcare services and supplies that are medically and psychologically necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a qualifying spouse, surviving spouse, or child of a veteran (the sponsor) who <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability (whether alive or deceased), or ○ Died of a service-connected disability, or died on active military service. 	<p>https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/dependents/champva/index.asp</p>	Health Programs/CHAMPVA



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sponsor's character of discharge cannot be due to misconduct; Dependents cannot be eligible for TRICARE; There are no residency, immigration, income or resource requirements. 		
<p>Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit</p>	<p>A federal tax credit for working people who pay for child or dependent care, limited to the amount of the worker's income tax liability.</p> <p>Also available are the New York State and New York City Child & Dependent Tax Credits, which are refundable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has earned income; Has child care or dependent care expenses that are work-related; Childcare provider cannot be claimed as a dependent by the taxpayer; A U.S. citizen or immigrant who has authorization to work in the U.S.; NYS resident, and NYC resident for the NYC tax credit; There is no asset or income criteria for the federal and state credit, but for the NYC tax credit, the adjusted gross income cannot be more than \$30,000. 	<p>https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/understanding-the-child-and-dependent-care-tax-credit</p>	<p>Tax Credits/Tax Credit Programs/Child Tax Credits /Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit</p>
<p>Child Health Plus</p>	<p>A comprehensive medical package for children, including both in-patient and outpatient services through a managed care plan. There are no deductibles, co-payments or co-insurance, but families may be responsible for a monthly premium depending on their income.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be under the age of 19; NYS Resident; Be ineligible for Medicaid or Medicare; Not be enrolled in another; comprehensive health insurance plan; Income at or below 400% of the 	<p>https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/child_health_plus/eligibility_and_cost.htm</p>	<p>Health Programs/Child Health Plus</p>



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		federal poverty level (FPL); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no citizenship/immigration or resource criteria. 		
Child Support	The duty to support one's child lasts until the child reaches the age of 21 in New York State.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents can establish a formal child support obligation through the Family Court to ensure that a child's financial needs are met. 	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/child-support-services.page	Cash Benefits/ Child Support
Child Tax Credit	Offsets a household's annual tax liability up to \$2,000 for each qualifying child under 17. Any remaining amount after the tax liability has been offset may be available as a refund through the Additional Child Tax Credit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a qualifying child under the age of 17; U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien; NYS resident and the child must have lived with the taxpayer for more than half of the filing year; 	NYS: https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/credits/empire_state_child_credit.htm NYC: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/consumers/get-tax-credit-information.page	Tax Credits/Tax Credit Programs/ Child Tax Credits/Child Tax Credit
CITYFHEPS (City Fighting Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement)	CITYFHEPS is a rent subsidy for singles and childless couples, as well as for families with children who are not eligible for State FHEPS , who are residing in a shelter or are at risk of entry into shelter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be ineligible for State FHEPS Have gross income below 200% FPL; Have an active or single-issue CA case 	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/cityfheps.page	
COBRA Continuation Coverage	Allows qualified employees and their dependents who lose employer health benefits the right to continue their health benefits at group plan rates up to 36 months. The medical benefits provided under COBRA must be the same benefits as are offered to current employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualified individuals include the employee, his/her spouse and his/her dependent children; Employee must have been enrolled in the employer's health plan the day before a qualifying event – the event that triggers the qualified individual to lose his/her health 	https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/laws-and-regulations/laws/cobra	Health Programs/ COBRA Continuation Coverage



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		insurance.		
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	Free and nutritious food, nutrition and health information and referrals to health care and social service agencies for other needed services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 years of age or older; NYS resident; Income below 130% of the federal poverty level; There are no citizenship/immigration or resource criteria. 	https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/nutrition/csf/p/	Food Programs, Senior Citizen Nutrition Programs/Commodity Supplemental Food Program
Congregate Meals	Provides nutritious meals served to a group of senior adults at senior centers, or other sites such as adult day care centers, faith-based centers and community centers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 years of age or older; or Spouse of an eligible participant – regardless of age; or Person with disabilities not yet 60 and lives with an eligible individual; or When a community dining site is open in a housing complex primarily for older adults, people with disabilities living in the same place are also eligible 	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dfta/services/senior-centers.page or call 311	Food Programs/ Senior Citizen Nutrition Programs/Congregate Meals
Cost Sharing Reduction	The Affordable Care Act will reduce the amount of out-of-pocket expenses an individual enrolled in a health plan when receiving health care services that are covered by the plan from in-network providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase a silver level health plan through the Marketplace; Not be eligible for Medicaid, Child Health Plus, Medicare or be enrolled in Veteran’s health coverage; Not have access to a health plan through an employer; U.S. citizen or lawfully present individual; An annual income between 138% and 250% FPL; 	https://www.healthcare.gov/glossary/cost-sharing-reduction/	Health/Affordable Care Act/The Cost Sharing Reduction



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Crime Victims Compensation	Compensation for out-of-pocket losses to qualified victims of a crime. The compensation amount will not exceed actual out-of-pocket expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no resource criteria. Be a victim of a crime; Report the crime timely to a criminal justice agency; Experience financial difficulty for an award in excess of \$5,000; There are no citizenship/immigration or financial criteria for awards of less than \$5,000. 	https://ovs.ny.gov/victim-compensation	Cash Benefits/ Crime Victims Compensation
Dependent Coverage under Age 26	ACA requires private health insurers offering dependent coverage to allow young adults up to age 26 to remain on their parent's health insurance plan, regardless of their eligibility for other insurance coverage. Young adults qualified as dependents must be offered the same benefit package as other dependent children. In addition, qualified dependents cannot be charged more for the coverage than other dependents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to health insurance plans that offer dependent coverage in the first place; Age 26 dependent coverage does not apply to Medicare or a retiree plan; Plans are not required to accommodate adult children who reside outside of the plan's service area or for selecting providers outside of a plan's provider network. 	https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/workers-and-families/loss-of-dependent-coverage	Health Programs/Low Cost Health Care Options/Dependent Coverage under Age 26
Dependent Coverage through Age 29	<p>NYS law that permits eligible young adults through the age of 29 to remain on a parent's health insurance coverage.</p> <p>There are two options under this law, the "Make Available Option" and the "Young Adult Option".</p>	<p>For both the "make available" option & the "young adult" option the coverage plan must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An individual, group, or group remittance health insurance policy that includes coverage for dependents; Delivered or issued for delivery in New York State; Fully insured (this benefit does not 	https://dfs.ny.gov/consumers/health_insurance/faqs_Age29_make_option	Health Programs/Low Cost Health Care Options/Dependent Coverage through Age 29



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		<p>apply to self-funded plans).</p> <p>The law does not apply to dental only, vision only, pharmacy only, accident only or specified disease coverage.</p>		
Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE)	A property tax exemption of up to 50% of the amount of property taxes for homeowners with disabilities, which lowers the amount of tax a property owner owes by reducing the property's assessed value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a documented disability; • Be the property owner; • Primary residence of the home owner; • U.S. citizen and legally residing residents; • An income below \$ 58,399; • There are no resource criteria. 	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlord-s-dhe.page	Tax Credits/Tax Credit Programs/Tax Credits for Homeowners or Renters /Disabled Homeowners' Exemption
Disabled Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE)	Enables low income tenants with disabilities who live in eligible housing to receive an exemption from paying certain increases in their rent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be the lease holder or tenant of record; • Reside in NYC; • Be in receipt of a disability-related benefit; • Have rent more than 1/3 of the household's income; • Live in eligible housing; • Have an aggregate disposable income at or below \$50,000. • There are no resource criteria. 	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/tools/tools.page	Housing Programs & Services/ DRIE
Eat Smart New York	A nutrition education program to improve the nutritional health of families eligible for SNAP. Trained nutrition educators meet with SNAP participants either individual or in groups in their homes or community settings, such as senior centers, head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition education is free to all SNAP participants and those eligible to receive SNAP. 	http://otda.ny.gov/main/programs/nutrition/contacts.asp#nyc	Food Programs/SNAP/Eat Smart New York



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	start locations, or in an individual's home to provide nutrition education.			
Education Tax Credit	There are two education tax credits: American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) and the Lifetime Learning Credit (LLC). Both are federal education tax credits reducing a filer's tax liability for low and moderate income tax filers with educational expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be an eligible student; • Have qualified education expenses; • Attend any college, university, vocational school or other postsecondary educational institution; • Modified adjusted gross income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AOTC: below \$90,000, if single; \$180,000, if married ○ LLC: below \$69,000 if single, \$138,000, if married 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/american-opportunity-tax-credit • https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/lc 	Tax Credits/Tax Credit Programs/Education Tax Credit
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	<p>A refundable federal tax credit that will either reduce the amount of taxes owed or provide a refund for those who do not owe any tax or have a portion of credit left after their tax liability has been met.</p> <p>The New York State and New York City earned income credits are worth a percentage of the allowable federal credit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers with a qualifying child <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child must be under 19 or 24, if enrolled as a full-time student, ○ Both the worker and the child must live in the same residence in the U.S. for more than half the year. • Workers without a qualifying child <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Worker must be between the ages of 25 & 65 before the end of the tax year, ○ Main residence must be in the U.S. for more than half the year. • Have a valid Social Security number that permits an individual to work legally in the U.S. (ITINs cannot be used to claim the credit) • Income amounts vary by whether a 	https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit	Tax Credits/Tax Credit Programs/ Tax Credits for Low Income Households /Earned Income Tax Credit



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		<p>person is married, filing jointly, or whether there are children in the household.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no resource criteria. 		
Emergency Assistance to Adults (EAA)	A one-time cash grant to eligible households facing an emergency. The amount of the grant is based on the type of emergency and is determined on a case-by-case basis. Emergencies include, but not limited to, rent arrears, utility arrears, replacement of furniture or clothing, food emergencies, relocation expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of household must be eligible for or receiving SSI; • Facing an emergency that endangers the health, safety or welfare of the SSI household member; • Meet the citizenship/immigration criteria of the SSI program, see below, <i>Supplemental Security Income</i>; • If applying for rent arrears, have future ability to pay the rent. 	https://otda.ny.gov/programs/temporary-assistance/#emerg	Cash Benefits/ Emergency Assistance to Adults (EAA)
Emergency Assistance to Families (EAF)	A one-time cash grant to eligible families facing an emergency. The amount of the grant is based on the type of emergency and is determined on a case-by-case basis. Emergencies include, but not limited to rent arrears, utility arrears, replacement of furniture or clothing, food emergencies, relocation expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of a child under the age of 18, or under 19, if attending secondary school full-time • Facing an emergency arising from a sudden unforeseen situation beyond the individual's control • A U.S. citizen or qualified alien • Income at, or below, 200% FPL for HH size • If applying for rent arrears, have future ability to pay the rent. • There are no resource criteria. 	https://otda.ny.gov/programs/temporary-assistance/#emerg	Cash Benefits/ Emergency Assistance to Families (EAF)
Emergency Assistance Safety Net	A one-time cash grant to eligible single adults and childless couples facing an emergency. The amount of the grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facing an emergency that is a serious occurrence or a situation needing prompt action; 	https://otda.ny.gov/programs/temporary-assistance/#emerg	Cash Benefits/ Emergency Safety Net Assistance



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(ESNA)	is based on the type of emergency and is determined on a case-by-case. Emergencies include, but not limited to, rent arrears, utility arrears, replacement of furniture or clothing, food emergencies, relocation expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen, qualified aliens, immigrants classified as permanently residing under color of law (PRUCOL); • Income below 125% of the federal poverty level; • If applying for rent arrears, have future ability to pay the rent; • There are no resource criteria. 		
Emergency Food Programs	Provide free emergency food to low-income individuals through food pantries or soup kitchens.	<p>Eligibility criteria vary by site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some sites ask for a picture ID and proof of address for each household member; • Some sites only accept people with an agency referral or a letter of introduction; • Some sites do not accept repeat users or have a limits. 	https://maps.nyc.gov/foodhelp/	Food Programs/ Emergency Food Programs
EPIC	Supplemental prescription coverage to low and moderate income Medicare Part D beneficiaries 65 and over. EPIC wraps around the Medicare Part D co-payment amount, thus further reducing an individual's prescription drug costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan; • Be 65 years of age or older; • NYS resident; • Meet Medicare's citizenship/immigration criteria, see below, <i>Medicare</i>; • Income below \$75,000 a year, if single, and below \$100,000 a year, if married. • There are no resource criteria. 	https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic	Health Programs/EPIC



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<p>The Family Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement (FHEPS) (also known as FEPS or State FHEPS)</p>	<p>The Family Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement (FHEPS) is a rent subsidy program for families with dependent children in receipt of Cash Assistance (CA) who have been evicted or are facing eviction, or who lost their housing due to a domestic violence situation, or who have lost their housing because of health or safety issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one member of the household must have an active CA case or if in a shelter, qualify for CA once the household has left the shelter. • Household must include a child under age 18 (or be 18 who is a full-time student in secondary school or its equivalent) or is pregnant; • Not be in sanction status; • Rent arrears of no more than \$9,000. 	<p>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dhs/permanency/fheps.page</p>	<p>Cash Benefits/Cash Assistance/Housing Subsidies</p>
<p>Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)</p>	<p>Includes most FDA approved birth control methods, devices and supplies, emergency contraception services and follow-up care, sterilization, and preconception counseling and screening. Eligible individuals will receive a Medicaid card that will be restricted to family planning services only.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Medicaid's citizenship/immigration criteria, see below, <i>Medicaid</i>; • NYS resident; • Income less than 223% FPL; • Not eligible for Medicaid or want only to apply for FPBP. 	<p>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ochia/coverage-care/family-planning-benefit-program.page</p>	<p>Health Programs/Medicaid/Additional Medicaid Benefits</p>
<p>Foster Care Housing Services Subsidy</p>	<p>This subsidy reunites children in foster care with their families. It is also available for older children in foster care whose goal is discharge to independent living.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Care Families: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Families reuniting out of foster care where lack of housing is the primary factor preventing discharge, or ○ Families with preventive cases to prevent the child from entering foster care, and the family's housing situation presents a risk to the children, or ○ Youth leaving foster care to their 	<p>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/child-welfare/adoption-assistance.page</p>	<p>Cash Benefits/Cash Assistance/Housing Subsidies</p>



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		<p>own responsibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rent must be no more than 30% of income. 		
<p>HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA)</p>	<p>A NYC program, wherein individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS are eligible for an enhanced shelter allowance (a shelter allowance greater than the typical Cash Assistance shelter allowance) through the HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA), as well as a nutrition and transportation allowance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be HIV positive or have AIDS; Must meet Cash Assistance's enhanced standard of need, that is, a standard of need which includes the rent enhancement and the nutrition and transportation supplement; File for any other benefits for which s/he may be eligible; NYC resident; Meet Cash Assistance's citizenship/immigration rules, see above, Cash Assistance; Resources of \$2,000, or \$3,000, if someone in the household is 60 years or older. 	<p>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/hiv-aids-services.page</p>	<p>Cash Benefits/ HIV/AIDS Administration (HASA)</p>
<p>Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)</p>	<p>Financial assistance to low income households to help pay for energy expenses. Participants receive either a direct payment or a credit line with their heating/utility vendor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatically Eligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash Assistance households SNAP households SSI "live alone" households Other Households: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay for heat directly or make payments for heat in rent U.S. citizen or qualified alien Income below for 2020/2021 season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2,610 for a HH of 1 \$3,413 for a HH of 2 	<p>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/energy-assistance.page</p>	<p>Cash Benefits/ Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$4,216 for a HH of 3 ▪ \$5,019 for a HH of 4 		
HEAP Cooling Assistance	Assistance with the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen or qualified alien; • Income must be below the HEAP guidelines, see above, <i>HEAP</i>; • At least one member of the household must have a medical condition exacerbated by extreme heat; • NYS resident. 	http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#cooling-assistance	Cash Benefits/HEAP/HEAP Cooling Assistance
HEAP Heating Equipment Repair/Replacement	Helps HEAP eligible homeowners repair or replace furnaces, boilers and other direct heating components necessary to keep the home's primary heating source functional.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documented owner of the residence for which assistance is being requested; • Have a heating system in place at time of application; • The dwelling must be in compliance with local building and safety codes; • U.S. citizen or qualified alien; • NYS resident; • For Repair: Assets below \$2,000, or \$3,000, if a household contains a member 60 or over; • For Replacement: Assets below \$3,000 • Income below the HEAP guidelines, see above, <i>HEAP</i> 	http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#repair-benefit	Cash Benefits/HEAP/HEAP Heating Equipment Repair/Replacement
HIV Home Care Program	Provides coverage for home care services to chronically dependent, including skilled nursing care, home health aide services, personal care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an AIDS diagnosis or an HIV illness and chronic medical dependency due to physical or cognitive impairment from HIV 	https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/about/hlthcare.htm#adap	Health Programs/HIV Uninsured Care Programs



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	services, homemaker services, adult day treatment, nutritional counseling, physical therapy, and durable medical equipment when ordered by a physician for specific conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> infection; New York State resident; No resources requirement; Income below 500% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL); There are no citizenship/immigration criteria; Ineligible if enrolled in Medicaid 		
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)	Provides housing assistance & supportive services for low-income HIV-infected persons and their families, including supportive housing, rental assistance, eviction prevention rental assistance, and housing placement services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be HASA eligible, see above, HASA. 	https://www.hudexchange.info/hopwa/	Cash Benefits/HASA/ Additional Benefits under HASA
Meals on Wheels (Citymeals)	Nutritious meals provided in the home of a homebound senior.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be 60 and over; Physically or mentally disabled and in need of some assistance; Unable to prepare meals or have no friends or family to do so; Able to live safely at home. 	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dfta/services/in-home-services.page	Senior Nutrition Programs/ Meals on Wheels
Medicaid	A comprehensive health benefit for low income individuals and families that includes hospitalization, out-patient services, dental care, vision care, prescription coverage, personal care services, community-based long term care services, nursing home stays and more.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Automatically Eligible:</u> SSI recipients, Cash Assistance recipients, Children in foster care. Other Households <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. citizen, qualified alien, immigrants who are PRUCOL; undocumented are only eligible when in a medical emergency or pregnant Pregnant women: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income: up to 223% FPL 	<p>NYC</p> <p>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ochia/coverage-care/medicaid.page</p> <p>NYS</p> <p>https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</p>	Health Programs/ Medicaid



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No resource criteria ○ Children through age 18, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Income : up to 154% FPL ▪ No resource criteria ○ Parents with dependent children or adults 19 through 64 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Income: up to 138% FPL ▪ No resource criteria ○ Aged (65 AO), blind or disabled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Income: \$884 for HH of 1, \$1,300 for HH of 2 ▪ Resources: \$15,900 for HH of 1; HH Size of 2: \$23,400 		
<p>Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD)</p>	<p>Allows individuals with disabilities to maintain Medicaid benefits when they return to work. The MBI-WPD program offers the same Medicaid benefits that are covered through regular community based Medicaid benefits and community based long term care benefits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified disabled; • Between the ages of 16 through 64; • Engaged in work; • NYS resident; • Meet Medicaid’s citizenship/immigration criteria, see above, <i>Medicaid</i>; • Resources below \$20,000 for an individual and \$30,000 for a couple; • Countable income below 250 % FPL. 	<p>https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/buy_in/</p>	<p>Health Programs/ Medicaid Buy-In</p>
<p>Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program</p>	<p>Provides Medicaid coverage for both breast and/or cervical cancer and colorectal and/or prostate cancer individuals for the time period in which treatment for the cancer is needed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast and/or cervical cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be screened for and diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, or a pre-cancerous breast or cervical condition by a NYS licensed health care provider, ○ In need of treatment for breast and cervical cancer or pre- 	<p>https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/cancer/treatment/mctp/</p>	<p>Health Programs/ Medicaid/Additional Medicaid Benefits</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ cancerous breast or cervical conditions, ○ NYS resident, ○ Meet the immigration criteria of NYS Medicaid, see above, <i>Medicaid Status</i>, ○ Be ineligible for Medicaid, ○ Have no other creditable insurance at the time of application, ○ There are no income or resource criteria. ● Colorectal and/or prostate cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be screened and/or diagnosed by a current Cancer Services Program (CSP) provider, ○ Ned treatment for colorectal and/or prostate cancer or pre-cancerous condition, ○ Be under 65 years of age, ○ NYS resident, ○ Meet the immigration criteria of NYS Medicaid, see above, <i>Medicaid</i>, ○ Have no other creditable insurance at the time of application, ○ Have income that is at or below 250% FPL, no resource criteria, ○ Be ineligible for Medicaid. 		



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Medicaid Home Care	Home care services to Medicaid eligible persons, including: Personal care services, Certified home health services, Private duty nursing services, Consumer directed personal assistance program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Medicaid eligible, see above, <i>Medicaid</i>; • Have a stable medical condition; • Be self-directing. 	https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-02782	Health Programs/Medicaid/Medicaid Home Care
Medicaid Spenddown	Individuals who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid, except their household income is over the Medicaid income levels, are able to access Medicaid through the Medicaid Spenddown program. The “spenddown” refers to the amount of monthly income the household exceeds the Medicaid’s “medically needy” income guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Categorically Eligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aged - 65 and over ○ Blind ○ Disabled - certified disabled by Medicaid or the Social Security Administration ○ Under 21, ○ A parent/caretaker relative living in a family with the presence of children under 21, or ○ Pregnant • NYS resident; • Meet Medicaid’s citizenship/immigration criteria, see above, <i>Medicaid</i>; • Income is above Medicaid’s medically needy income guidelines (see above, <i>Medicaid, Aged (65 AO), blind or disabled</i> for the guidelines; • Resource criteria applies only to blind, aged or disabled. 	https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/excess_income.htm	Health Programs/Medicaid/Medicaid Spenddown Program



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Medicare	<p>Medicare is comprised of three parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A: inpatient hospital/skilled nursing facility, home health services, hospice Part B: medical care & services, DME and outpatient services Part D: prescription drug coverage, see below, <i>Medicare Part D</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be categorically eligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 65 or over Certified blind or disabled, or Have end stage renal disease For premium free Part A, must be have enough quarters of coverage to be insured under Social Security system; U.S. citizens or immigrants who are lawfully admitted to the U.S. on a permanent basis with valid authorization from the U.S. government to work without restriction; U.S. resident There are no income or resource criteria. 	https://www.medicare.gov/	Health Programs/ Medicare
Medicare Part D	<p>A voluntary benefit that provides prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries.</p> <p>Each prescription plan has a formulary, a list of covered drugs and dosage amounts that the plan will pay for.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be enrolled in Medicare Part A and/or Part B, see above, <i>Medicare</i> (if enrolling in Medicare Advantage plan, must be enrolled in both Part A and B) 	https://www.medicare.gov/part-d/index.html https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx	Health Programs/ Medicare Part D
Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy (Extra Help)	<p>A subsidy that pays for most of the out-of-pocket expenses under the basic Part D benefit.</p> <p>There are two levels of Extra Help, full or partial, which provide different subsidy amounts based on the beneficiary's income and resources.</p>	<p>Meet Part D eligibility criteria, see above, <i>Medicare Part D</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Extra Help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assets for an Individual: <\$9,470* Assets for a Couple: <\$14,960* Income up to 135% FPL Partial Extra Help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assets for an Individual: 	https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Eligibility-and-Enrollment/LowIncSubMedicarePresCov/index.html	Health Programs/Medicare Part D/Low Income Subsidy



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		<p><\$14,790*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assets for a Couple: <\$29,520* ○ Income up to 150% FPL <p>*Including a \$1,500 burial fund</p>		
Medication Grant Program	A Medicaid program that pays for medications and services to treat mental illness for people with mental illness who are released from jail/prison or discharged from a hospital until their Medicaid application is approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Released from jails/prisons or discharged from hospitals who have received mental health services in the facility; • Have been prescribed medication to treat mental illness; • Must file a Medicaid application prior to or within seven days of discharge or release. 	https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/med_grant/mgh_ome.htm	Health Programs/Medicaid/Additional Medicaid Benefits
MTA Reduced/Half Fare Program	Reduced (half fare) cost of riding public transportation for those 65 years of age or older or those who have a qualifying disability. Reduced fare/half fare, applies to all Metropolitan Transportation Authority subways, buses and railroads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Categorical requirement; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must be 65 or older or ○ Have a qualifying disability • There are no immigration or financial criteria. 	https://new.mta.info/fares/reduced-fare	Support Services/Transportation Services/MTA Reduced Half Fare Program
NYC Health & Hospital Options	NYC Health & Hospital's payment plan to help individuals and families who have no other health insurance options.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals who do not have health insurance, or have exhausted their health insurance benefits, who are underinsured, or who cannot purchase health insurance through the NY State of Health Marketplace; • New York State resident; • Patients with incomes up to 400% FPL qualify for some level of discount. 	https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/paying-for-your-health-care	Health Programs/Low Cost Health Care Options/NYC Health & Hospital Options



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NYS Disability Insurance	Cash benefits for up to 26 weeks to replace lost wages due to the disability. The cash benefit amount is 50% of the claimant’s last eight weeks of average gross wages, up to the maximum benefit of \$170 per week. Benefits begin on the eighth consecutive day of disability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be working for a “covered” employer; • Be disabled by an off the job illness or injury preventing him/her from working for at least 7 days; • There are no citizenship/immigration residency, resource or income criteria. 	http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/DisabilityBenefits/employee-disability-benefits.jsp	Cash Benefits/NYS Disability Insurance
New York State Nutrition Improvement Project (NYSNIP)	Provides automatic SNAP to SSI recipients who are single and “living alone”; such recipients do not have to apply separately for SNAP benefits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals who are approved for SSI as a single “living alone” beneficiary will automatically qualify for NYSNIP benefits. 	https://hungersolutionsny.org/snap-and-seniors	Food Programs/SNAP/ New York State Nutrition Improvement Program
PrEP Assistance Program (PrEP-AP)	NYS Department of Health, AIDS Institute created a Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP) to pay for outpatient services to HIV-negative individuals at risk for HIV infection, as well as for the care and monitoring necessary to successfully use PrEP (an anti-HIV infection medication).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same criteria as ADAP, see above, ADAP; However, an applicant must have a documented negative HIV test result and be at risk of acquiring HIV infection. 	https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/prep/prep-ap_consumer.htm	Health Programs/HIV Uninsured Care Programs
Premium Tax Credit	The Affordable Care Act provides a reduction of the amount a consumer will pay for the health plan’s premium.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase a health plan through the Marketplace; • Not be eligible for Medicaid, Child Health Plus, Medicare or be enrolled in Veteran’s health coverage; • Not have access to a health plan through an employer; • U.S. citizen or lawfully present 	https://www.irs.gov/affordable-care-act/individuals-and-families/the-premium-tax-credit-the-basics	Health Programs/The Affordable Care Act/ The Premium Tax Credit



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual; An annual income between 200% and 400% FP; There are no resource criteria. 		
Project Based Section 8	<p>Tenants generally pay rent equal to 30% of adjusted gross household income. The size and makeup of the household will determine the size of the apartment a family is eligible for.</p> <p>In NYC, three agencies operate Project-Based Section 8 units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. citizens, LPRs, refugees, Amerasian immigrants, Asylees, persons granted withhold of deportation, permanent residents under registry provisions, persons admitted under the mid-1980's legalization (amnesty) program, parolees admitted for at least one year, aliens granted conditional entry prior to April 1, 1980, persons granted T visas, persona lawfully present as a result of discretion by the U.S. Attorney General for emergent reasons; Ineligible if any family member has certain specified criminal convictions or has committed certain specified bad acts; Household income must be below 50% or 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), depending on the date when the property contracted with HUD; There are no resource criteria. 	<p>HPD https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/section-8-voucher-types.page</p> <p>NYCHA https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycha/section-8/about-section-8.page</p> <p>HCR https://hcr.ny.gov/section-8-housing-choice-voucher-hcv-program</p>	Housing Programs & Services/Project Based Section 8
Public Housing (NYCHA)	Publicly funded rental housing for low-income families, the elderly and persons with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizenship/Immigration – same as Section 8, see above, <i>Section 8</i>; Income is no greater than 80% of the Area Median Income (AM) for 	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycha/about/about-nycha.page	Housing Programs & Services/Public Housing



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the family size; Applicants with certain criminal convictions and other bad acts are ineligible; There are no resource requirements 		
<p>Qualified Individual (QI) Program</p>	<p>A Medicare Savings Program that pays for the Medicare Part B premium only. QI does not cover any of Medicare's cost sharing expenses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare eligible, see above, <i>Medicare</i>; U.S. citizens or immigrants who are lawfully admitted to the U.S. on a permanent basis for at least 5 years at the time of application for Medicare; NYS resident; Income between 120% % 135% FPL; There is no resource criteria. 	<p>https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/savingsprogram/medicaresavingsprogram.htm</p> <p>https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-savings-programs</p>	<p>Health Programs/ Medicare Savings Programs/Qualified Individual Program</p>
<p>Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)</p>	<p>A Medicare Savings Program that pays for the Medicare Part B premium, and the Part A premium when an individual is not eligible for premium-free Part A; it also covers the Medicare deductibles and co-insurance for services covered under Medicare Parts A and B.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare eligible, see above <i>Medicare</i>; U.S. citizens or immigrants who are lawfully admitted to the U.S. on a permanent basis for at least 5 years at the time of application for Medicare; NYS resident; Income at or below 100% FPL; There is no resource criteria. 	<p>https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/savingsprogram/medicaresavingsprogram.htm</p> <p>https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-savings-programs</p>	<p>Health Programs/ Medicare Savings Programs/Qualified Medicare Beneficiary</p>



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Real Property Tax Credit	A tax credit or refund intended to aid low and moderate income tax filers to offset property tax costs. Available to both homeowners and renters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have occupied the same NYS residence for six months or more in previous tax filing year; • NYS resident for the whole filing year; • U.S. citizen or immigrant who is a legally residing resident (a valid Social Security Number or an ITIN); • Homeowner: paid real property taxes for his/her residence and current value of home is \$85,000 or less; • Renters: paid rent that is \$450 or less; • Cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's federal income tax return • Household income must be \$18,000 or less; • There are no resource requirements. 	https://www.tax.ny.gov/pi/t/credits/real_property_tax_credit.htm	Tax Credits/Tax Credit Programs/Tax Credits for Homeowners or Renters /Real Property Tax Credit
Retirement Savings Contribution Credit	A non-refundable income tax credit available to taxpayers who contribute to a qualified retirement plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual must make a contribution to a retirement account • Be at least 18 years old and not in school full-time • Be a U.S. citizen or lawfully residing in the U.S. • Not claimed as a dependent on someone else's return • Income limits vary by filing status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Married Filing Jointly: \$65,000 	https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/plan-participant-employee/retirement-savings-contributions-savers-credit	Tax Credits/Tax Credit Programs/Other Tax Credits/Retirement Savings Contribution Credit



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Head of HH: \$48,750 ○ All Others: \$32,500 ● There are no resource requirements. 		
Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption Program (SCRIE)	Enables low-income tenants who are 62 or older who live in eligible housing to receive an exemption from paying certain increases in their rent. The tenant's rent will be frozen at the amount paid just before the most recent rent increase or 1/3 of the household's monthly disposable income.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Live in rent eligible housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rent regulated apartment ○ Rent stabilized hotel unit ○ Eligible apartments administered by HPD ● Be the lease holder or tenant of record ● Be at least 62 years old ● Have rent more than 1/3 of the household's disposable income ● "Aggregate disposable income" must not be more than \$50,000 ● There are no resource requirements. 	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/tools/scrie-applications.page	Housing Programs & Services/ SCRIE
Section 8 Voucher Program	<p>Provides a rental subsidy to eligible families and individuals. Recipients receive a voucher which enables them to rent housing in the private market. Tenants generally pay 30% of their income toward the rent.</p> <p>In NYC, three agencies operate the Section 8 Voucher program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) ● NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Citizenship/Immigration – same as Section 8, see above, <i>Section 8</i>; ● Ineligible if any family member has certain specified criminal convictions or has committed certain specified bad acts; ● In most cases, household income up to 50% of the area median income (AMI); ● There are no residency or resource requirements. 	<p>HPD</p> <p>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/section-8-voucher-types.page</p> <p>NYCHA</p> <p>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycha/section-8/about-section-8.page</p>	Housing Programs & Services/Section 8 Voucher Program



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) 		<p>HCR</p> <p>https://hcr.ny.gov/section-8-housing-choice-voucher-hcv-program</p>	
Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)	Provides low-income older adults with free farmers' market coupons to purchase locally grown food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 year of age or older; Receiving SSI, Cash Assistance, SNAP, HEAP or Section 8 housing subsidy; or Income less than 185% FPL. 	<p>https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/nutrition/fmnp/</p>	Food Programs/Senior Nutrition Programs/Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program
Senior Citizens Homeowners Exemption (SCHE)	A property tax exemption of up to 50% of the amount of property taxes for homeowners age 65 and over, which lowers the amount of tax a property owner owes by reducing the property's assessed value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 65 years or older by December 31st of the current tax year; Property must be the primary residence of the owner; Property must have been owned by one of the owners for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to application; Be U.S. citizen or immigrant who is legally residing resident, that is have a Social Security Number or an ITIN; An income below \$58,399; There are no resource requirements. 	<p>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlord-s-sche.page</p>	Tax Credits/Tax Credit Programs/Tax Credits for Homeowners or Renters/Senior Citizens Homeowners Exemption
Specified Low Income Beneficiary (SLMB)	A Medicare Savings Program that pays only the Medicare Part B premium. SLMB does not cover any of Medicare's cost sharing expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare eligible, see above <i>Medicare</i>; U.S. citizens or immigrants who are lawfully admitted to the U.S. on a 	<p>https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/savingsprogram/medicaresavingsprogram.htm</p>	Health Programs, Medicare Savings Program/Specified Low Income



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		<p>permanent basis for at least 5 years at the time of application for Medicare;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYS resident; • Income between 100% % 120% FPL; • There is no resource requirement. 	<p>https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-savings-programs</p>	Beneficiary
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<p>A federal program that provides a monthly cash benefit to disabled or blind beneficiaries who have worked and paid Social Security taxes, as well as to their eligible dependents.</p> <p>The amount of the SSDI benefit depends on how much the individual paid into the Social Security System and how many years s/he paid such taxes.</p> <p>In addition to a monthly cash benefit, the entitled worker is entitled to Medicare after 24 months of entitlement to SSDI.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must meet Social Security’s definition of disability or blindness (certified disabled); • Must be insured under the Social Security system (has earned sufficient Social Security quarters of coverage) at the time s/he became disabled/blind; • U.S. citizens or immigrants who are lawfully admitted to the U.S. on a permanent basis with a Social Security number allowing them to work without restriction; • There are no resource criteria; • While applicants are not subject to income limitations, if an individual is engaging in work at the time of application, s/he may not meet the disability/blind criteria. 	<p>https://www.ssa.gov/disability/</p>	Cash Benefits/ Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
Social Security Retirement Insurance (RSI)	<p>A federal program that provides a monthly cash benefit to “aged” beneficiaries who have worked and paid Social Security taxes, as well as to their eligible dependents and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be at least age 62 to begin collecting benefits; • Must be insured under the Social Security system (have earned 	<p>https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/</p>	Cash Benefits/Social Security Retirement Insurance



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	<p>survivors.</p> <p>The amount of the RSI benefit depends on how much the individual paid into the Social Security System and how many years s/he paid such taxes.</p> <p>In addition to a monthly cash benefit, the entitled worker (and his/her spouse) is also entitled to Medicare at age 65.</p>	<p>sufficient Social Security credits or quarters of coverage) at the time s/he retires;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizenship/Immigration – same as SSDI, see above, <i>Social Security Disability</i>; • There is no resource criteria; • Individuals who begin to collect early retirement benefits and continue to work will be subject to a reduction in their Social Security retirement benefits; however, there is no reduction of benefits if the individual begins to work at his/her full retirement age. 		
<p>School Tax Assessment Relief (STAR)</p>	<p>Lowers the property taxes for homeowners' primary residences by reducing the full value of the home, thus providing a partial exemption from school taxes. It also provides additional property tax relief to senior citizens through the Enhanced STAR exemption.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a residential property owner; • NYS resident; • Age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Basic Star: any age ○ Enhanced Star: 65 and older • Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Basic Star: \$500,000 or less ○ Enhanced Star: \$90,550 or less • There are no resource requirements. 	<p>https://www.tax.ny.gov/pi/property/star/</p>	<p>Tax Credits/Tax Credit Programs/Tax Credits for Homeowners or Renters/STAR</p>
<p>Sticky Vouchers (Enhanced Vouchers)</p>	<p>HUD issues enhanced or "sticky" vouchers to protect tenants of buildings whose owners have opted out of a project-based subsidy or have paid off a HUD subsidized mortgage. Sticky vouchers enable tenants to remain in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only tenants who resided in buildings at the time the owner opted out of the HUD subsidy program, or paid off its mortgage, are eligible; • Residents must have a gross 	<p>HPD https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/section-8-voucher-types.page</p>	<p>Housing Programs/Section 8 Vouchers/Enhanced or Sticky Vouchers</p>



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	<p>their apartments at the same rent amount they paid with project-based assistance. Owners cannot refuse to accept these vouchers.</p> <p>If the household moves outside the affected development, the enhanced voucher reverts to a standard Section 8 housing choice voucher.</p> <p>In NYC, three agencies operate Project-Based Section 8 units and the Section 8 Voucher program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) • NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) • NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) 	<p>income of 95% of area median income;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must meet the eligibility requirements that the public housing authority (PHA) imposes on applicants for regular voucher. 	<p>NYCHA https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycha/section-8/about-section-8.page</p> <p>HCR https://hcr.ny.gov/section-8-housing-choice-voucher-hcv-program</p>	
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Provides food benefits through the use of an electronic benefits transfer system, which allows an eligible household to purchase food items at participating grocery stores and supermarkets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen or certain qualified aliens; • NYS resident; • Maximum Gross Income: Below 130% FPL; below 150% FPL if there is earned income; below 200% FPL if HH has child care expenses. • Households with a disabled or elderly member are not subject to a gross income test, a budget is calculated to determine if entitled; • No resource criteria, if household is 	https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/snap-benefits-food-program.page	Food Programs/ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



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		<p>categorically eligible (all members in receipt of Cash Assistance, SSI or have an income below 130% FPL that does not contain a SNAP sanctioned household member or have an income below 200% FPL for a household with a disabled or aged household member).</p>		
<p>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</p>	<p>A federal needs-based cash benefit, combined with a state supplement that provides a monthly cash benefit to aged, blind or disabled individuals/couples, as well as to disabled or blind children.</p> <p>The amount of the cash benefit is calculated based on household living arrangement and other sources of income, if any.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be blind, aged or disabled; • Be a U.S. citizen or certain “qualified alien”; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ U.S. residency; Resident of NYS for state supplement • Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual: \$2,000 ○ Couple: \$3,000 • NYS Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Living Alone: \$881 for single; \$1,295 for couple ○ Living with Others: \$817 for single; \$1,237 for couple ○ Living in the Household of Another: \$552.34 for single; \$840 for couple 	<p>https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/ssi/</p>	<p>Cash Benefits/ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</p>



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Transitional Benefit Alternative (TBA)	Households with dependent children leaving Cash Assistance may be eligible to obtain an extension on their SNAP benefits without filing a new application.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household was in receipt of Cash Assistance either as a Family Assistance (FA) household or a Safety Net Assistance (SNA) household with children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under the age of 18, or ○ Under the age of 22, if living with his/her parents • Cash Assistance case closed because of earnings, increased income from other sources, or for other changes that occur in the household that makes the household ineligible for Cash Assistance • Household was in receipt of SNAP benefits prior to the case closing. 		Cash Benefits/Cash Assistance/Returning to Work
Transitional Child Care (TCC)	Parents can continue to receive child care for up to 12 months after a Cash Assistance (CA) case is closed due to an increase in earnings or child support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The household must have been in receipt of CA for at least 3 of the previous 6 months before the case was closed; • The CA case was closed due to increased income from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ employment, or ○ child support, or ○ Household voluntarily opted to close their case and is no longer financially eligible for Cash Assistance 		Cash Benefits/Cash Assistance/Returning to Work
Transitional Medicaid (TMA)	Households whose Cash Assistance case closes because of employment income will receive Medicaid for 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The household includes a dependent child (under 21) living in the household; 		Cash Benefits/Cash Assistance/Returning to Work



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	months upon case closing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The household was receiving Medicaid in at least one of the past six months immediately prior to becoming ineligible for Medicaid. 		
Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB)	A weekly cash benefit for eligible individuals who have been separated from employment through no fault of their own. An individual may receive up to 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits within a one year benefit period. The maximum amount of benefits is \$504 a week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have been employed through a covered employer Have employment earnings for 4 recently completed calendar quarters Be currently unemployed Unemployed through no fault of their own Be ready, willing and able to work Be a U.S. citizen or immigrant entitled to work in the U.S. There are no resource criteria Neither are there income qualifications, however, if an individual is engaged in work while in receipt of UI benefits, she may be ineligible for benefits on any day s/he is not totally unemployed. 	https://www.ny.gov/services/get-unemployment-assistance	Cash Benefits/ Unemployment Insurance Benefits
VA Disability Compensation	A monthly cash benefit paid to veterans who have a service connected disability based on the degree of disability and the number of eligible dependents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have a service connected disability; Must be discharged under other than dishonorable conditions; There are no citizenship/immigration criteria; There are no residency requirements; There are no asset or income 	https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/	Cash Benefits/VA Disability Compensation



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		requirements.		
VA Pension	A monthly cash benefit paid to veterans with a permanent and total non-service-connected disability or those who are age 65 or older.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet military service requirements related to combat or a service during a period of war; • Be discharged under other than dishonorable conditions; • Must be either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Permanently and totally disabled at the time of the application if under age 65, or ○ 65 or older • A net worth that does not provide adequate maintenance; • An income below the annual pension rates set by the U.S. Congress. 	https://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/	Cash Benefits/VA Pension
Victim Assistance Programs	The Office of Victim Services fund local community based organizations to provide services to victims of crime, including filing a Crime Victim Compensation claim, as well as offering services such as court assistance, inmate information, and social crisis referrals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim of a crime • There are no citizenship/immigration criteria; • There are no residency requirements; • There are no asset or income requirements. 	https://ovs.ny.gov/help-crime-victims	Cash Benefits/Crime Victims/Victims Assistance Programs
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	Provides vouchers that can be redeemed at WIC approved stores for the purchase of specific nutritious foods to eligible low-income pregnant women, and children up to the age of five.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Categorically Eligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A pregnant women ○ A child up to his/her 5th birthday ○ Mother of a baby that is up to 6 months of age ○ A fully or partially breastfeeding mother of a baby up to 1 year of age 	https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/nutrition/wic/	Food Programs/Women, Infants and Children (WIC)



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYS resident; • Income below 200% FPL; • Be assessed for nutritional risk by a medical professional; • There are no resource criteria. 		
Workers' Compensation	Covered workers who are injured on the job, or who suffer from an illness that directly results from working on the job are entitled weekly cash benefits, as well as medical and rehabilitation services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a "covered" worker; • Worked in NYS; • There are no immigration, residency, resource or income criteria. 	http://www.wcb.ny.gov	Cash Benefits/Workers' Compensation