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AAA9 Receives \$38,500 Grant to Enroll Low-Income Seniors Eligible for Help paying for Medicare premiums, co-pays and Prescription Drugs.

Many Seniors Struggle to pay their Medicare premiums, copayments and prescription drug costs. Still, many seniors aren't aware that they may qualify for help in covering those expenses. The Area Agency on Aging Region 9 (AAA9) was recently a \$38,500 grant from the Ohio Department of Aging to help identify older adults who are eligible, but not yet applied for the benefit.

“By applying for these benefits, low-income seniors can qualify for significant savings on their co-pays and prescription drugs through Medicare,” explained Alan Burnett, Executive Director of AAA9. “We invite and encourage Medicare eligible individuals to call AAA9 and request an application or let a AAA9 expert submit the application for you over the internet, which speeds the process up considerably,” Burnett explained.

The Social Security Administration estimates indicate that many older adults who are eligible for the program have not applied yet. AAA9 must submit 358 applications before June 1, 2011 to fulfill its grant obligations. The grant is part of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA). Couples and individuals can have a significant income and assets and still be eligible.

Medicare recipients who need help paying for premiums, co-payments or prescription drug costs should call AAA9 to submit an application at 740-439-2294 or toll free at (800) 945-4250.

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