



NY Connects
Your Link to Long Term
Services and Supports



of **HERKIMER COUNTY**
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Herkimer County Office for the Aging

Cost Saving Programs & Assistance for Older Adults

❖ **Medicare Savings Program:** This program helps those on Medicare get the premium they pay for their Medicare Part B back in their Social Security check.

- **To qualify you must be on Medicare and be under the gross income levels:**
Individuals: \$2,280 Couples: \$3,077
- There are also two programs to assist with the cost of prescription medications- Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) and the Low Income Subsidy (LIS). You can call the numbers below to see if you qualify.

If you interested in applying call NY Connects Office for the Aging at 315-867-1121 or HIICAP at 315-894-9917

❖ **The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** is a nutrition assistance program. SNAP provides benefits to eligible low-income individuals and families via an Electronic Benefits Transfer card. This card can be used like a debit card to purchase eligible food in authorized retail food stores.

- **If you are over 60, to qualify your income must be under the gross income levels:**
1 person household: \$2,265 2 person household: \$3,052

If you are interested in applying call Herkimer County DSS at 315-867-1291 or Catholic Charities of Herkimer County at 315-894-9917 Ext. 235 or go to www.mybenefits.ny.gov

❖ **Food Pantries:** Local Food Pantries can provide food items.

To find the Food Pantry nearest you call NY Connects/OFA at 315-867-1121 or visit www.nyconnects.ny.gov and search Food Pantries of Herkimer County.

❖ **Food Sense Food Co-op Program:** Food Sense is a great way for individuals to save money and purchase quality foods for less. Each package of food or unit is filled with high quality meats, vegetables, fruits, and grocery items. **There are no restrictions-if you eat you qualify. For more information and place an order call Catholic Charities at 315-894-9917.**

