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## Senior Benefits Program helps Alaska seniors

### Senior Benefits Program

- The program begins Aug. 1, 2007.
- The Department of Health and Social Services expects about 10,700 seniors will qualify for the new program, which replaces SeniorCare. SeniorCare served over 6,700 seniors in May 2007.

### Eligibility

- The following chart illustrates the three tiers of monthly cash payments based on income.

Household size	Annual income limit for a \$250 payment	Annual income limit for a \$175 payment	Annual income limit for a \$125 payment
1	\$9,577	\$12,770	\$22,348
2	\$12,840	\$17,120	\$29,960

- The income eligibility levels for the Senior Benefits Program will change each year. Eligibility for the Senior Benefits Program corresponds to 175 percent, 100 percent and 75 percent of the annual Alaska Federal Poverty level.
- Applicant assets are not considered when determining eligibility.

### Implementation

- Public Assistance has mailed short-form applications to all seniors currently enrolled in the interim senior benefit program, and is helping these seniors reapply.
- **The program starts with \$125 payments Aug. 1.** Because of the quick turnaround time needed to implement the program, Public Assistance may not have time to process all applications by Aug. 1. Current senior benefit recipients will receive \$125 and those eligible for higher benefit levels under the new program will receive appropriate additional payments as their applications are processed
- Public Assistance will enroll new first-time participants as applications are processed. Seniors may apply by calling the Senior Benefits Office at 1-888-352-4150 statewide or 352-4150 in the Mat-Su, or seniors may apply using the application available online at [www.seniorbenefits.alaska.gov](http://www.seniorbenefits.alaska.gov).

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