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Social Security Help for Seniors

Seniors, you can get a bigger Social Security check. The Social Development Commission's Senior Companions Program is offering the free Public Benefits Enrollment service aimed at helping eligible seniors get all the benefits for which they are eligible.

The service being offered by Senior Companions will potentially enroll eligible seniors in one of a number of programs. Seniors who are at an income of \$1,246 or less a month may be eligible for the Medicare Savings Program that helps pay for the Medicare Part B premiums. That can add around \$96 per month to Social Security checks.



Trinicha Hussain (left) of SDC's Senior Companions helps Mary Moore with Social Security benefits sign-up through the Public Benefits Enrollment Service.

Another program that SDC can help seniors enroll in is Medicare Part D Extra Help. This program for seniors at or below \$1,361 pays the Part D premium and can help reduce the cost of prescription drugs. The Public Benefits Enrollment service can also help seniors with a gross monthly

income of up to \$1,806 sign-up for the Quest Card which can be used by seniors to purchase groceries.

The goal of the enrollment assistance effort is to help low-income seniors get all the benefits to which they are entitled. For more information on the free Public Benefits Enrollment Service, call the Senior Companions Program at SDC at 414-906-2700.

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