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If gross income is less than...	Then they should qualify for...	Documents Needed
\$33,562 annual - 1 \$44,533 annual - 2 \$55,500 annual - 3 (Note: they will use 2023 income until tax day 2025. Then they will use 2024 income) *Income limits do not change on fixed schedule	Benefit Access Application (BAA) <i>Can be used for Senior License Plate Sticker Discount and RTA Free Bus Pass</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSA 1099 for appropriate tax year (if requested) Non-Filing tax form (if applicable) <p><u>Proof of Disability:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security disability/ railroad retirement letter stating the client is disabled OR Signed Physician Statement <p><u>RTA Application- First time free bus pass ONLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IL Driver's License or State ID Photo of client IDOA approval certificate
\$-2,430 (household of 1) \$3,286-(household of 2) *COLA Adjustments made in Oct	SNAP- older adult or disabled (food stamps)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of pensions or other non SSA/ non-work income Medical Bills Green Card (if applicable) Driver's License or State ID (for identity proofing)
\$1,903-(household of 1) \$2,575-(household of 2) *COLA Adjustments made in Jan	Extra Help/LIS	NA
\$1,717.00-(household of 1) \$2,323.00-(household of 2) Asset Limit: \$9,430 (household of 1) \$14,130 (household of 2) *COLA Adjustments made in Apr	Medicare Savings Program- Part B Premium Payments *Note: All Medicare Savings Programs (QMB, SLIB, and QI-1) pay Part B premiums.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IL Driver's License or State ID (for identity proofing) No proof of income or assets necessary. Applicants can self-attest their income and assets. Report to Avisery@ageoptions.org if you encounter a case where income and assets are requested for someone applying only for a MSP.
Client's gross monthly income -\$1,280.00 (household of 1) OR <u>\$1,728.00 (household of 2)</u> =Monthly spenddown amount Assets must be less than \$17,500.00 *COLA adjustments made in Apr	Medicaid Spend Down	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Bills from the past 6 months must =monthly spenddown amount for e/ month of Medicaid coverage IL Driver's License or State ID (for identity proofing) Proof of non SSA Income Proof of Assets
\$1280.00 (household of 1) \$1728.00 (household of 2) Assets must be less than \$17,500.00 *COLA adjustments made in Apr	AABD Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IL Driver's License or State ID (for identity proofing) Proof of non SSA income Proof of Assets
\$1280.00 (household of 1) \$1728.00 (household of 2) Asset Limit: \$9,430 (household of 1) \$14,130 (household of 2) *COLA adjustments made in Apr	Medicare Savings Program: Qualified Medicare Beneficiary <i>Pays all Medicare out of pocket costs such as copays and deductibles</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IL Driver's License or State ID (for identity proofing) No proof of income or assets necessary. Applicants can self-attest their income and assets. Report to Avisery@ageoptions.org if you encounter a case where income and assets are requested for someone applying <i>only</i> for a MSP.

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