



What They Can Do For You!

Provide accurate and current information on your benefits.

Suggest alternate actions you can take to secure benefits and appeal denials.

Advocate on your behalf with the other parties involved.

Explain what legal action or other possible solution is required.

If necessary refer you to an appropriate attorney.



How Much Does It Cost?

The Program is supported with the funds from the state of Wisconsin and the federal Older Americans Act. **There is no charge for the service** but persons assisted by the program are encouraged to **make a donation** toward the cost of the services. All donated funds will be used to expand the service. **Service will not be refused or limited in anyway** if a contribution is not made.



Elderly Benefit Specialist

Red Tape Cutters



La Crosse County Benefit Specialist

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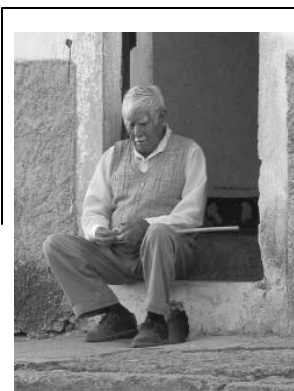
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Do You Have Trouble With...

- Medical Billing Issues
- Medicare
- Medicare Supplemental Insurance
- Social Security
- Medical Assistance
- Medicare Part D
- Consumer Problems
- Homestead Tax Credit
- Prescription Drug Assistance
- Senior Care/Prescription Drugs
- Supportive Home Service
- Food Stamps
- General Relief
- Insurance Questions
- Other Legal & Benefit Problems



A Benefit Specialist Is...



Someone who is trained to help older persons having a problem with their private or government benefits, like Medicare, Social Security and others. Benefit Specialists are often called the “red tape cutter” because they are experts at helping older persons with the extensive and complicated paperwork that is often required. They help older persons figure out what benefits they are entitled to and help them apply. Benefit specialists are trained and supported by attorneys knowledgeable in elder law.

Who Should Seek Help?

Persons (60 or older) who...

- ✓ Want to know more about public or private benefits; such as Medicare, Senior Care, Social Security and other benefits.
- ✓ Need help organizing paperwork; such as Medical Bills and applying for benefits.
- ✓ Have been denied a benefit they are entitled to.



An Elderly Benefit Specialist Can Help!