

Cost Services:

There is no charge for EBS services but program donations are gratefully accepted and used to provide additional services to Grant County residents over the age of 60.

Program funding includes funds from:

Grant County
Federal Older Americans Act
State of Wisconsin
Voluntary Donations

Services are never refused or limited if a contribution is not made.



Contact

Elderly Benefit Specialist

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Elderly Benefit Specialists

Red Tape Cutters



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Duties of the Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS):

Elderly Benefit Specialists are trained to help older persons resolve problems related to private or government benefits.

EBS are often called “**red tape cutters**” because they have extensive experience helping older persons address complicated paperwork that is often required in benefit programs.

EBS also help older persons determine which benefit options are best for them and explain what to do to gain eligibility.

EBS receive continuous training and work under the direction of attorneys that are knowledgeable in elder law issues.

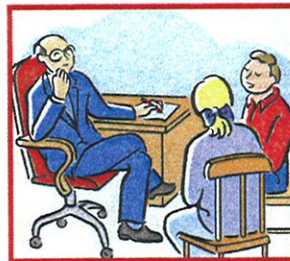


Who Should Seek Help from the Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS)?

- Older persons who just want to know more about any private or public benefit;
- Older persons who need help in organizing paperwork and applying for benefits; or
- Older persons who have been denied a benefit that they think they are entitled to receive.

Elderly Benefit Specialist Can:

- provide accurate and current information on your benefits;
- prepare for and assist with applications and other related paperwork;
- suggest alternative actions that can be taken to secure benefits or appeal denials of benefits;
- advocate on your behalf with the other involved parties;
- explain what legal action or other possible solution is required;
- represent you throughout appeal processes or
- refer you to an appropriate attorney.



Topics Addressed By Elderly Benefit Specialists):

- Medicare
 - Medigap insurance
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Social Security
 - Medical Assistance
 - Consumer Problems
 - Supportive Home Services
 - Food Share
 - Fuel Assistance
 - Long Term Care Insurance
 - Weatherization
 - Spousal Impoverishment
- Plus many other topics!



Who Qualifies for Elderly Benefit Specialist Services?

- Wisconsin Residents
- Age 60 or older