



# Maine Township News Release

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## **Deadline extended to file for Maine Township Benefit Access Program**

The deadline has been extended to file for benefits under the Benefit Access Program, according to Marsha Warnick, Maine Township General Assistance Director. People receiving social security, supplemental income, or disability benefits, who missed the December 31 deadline, have until April 18, 2016, to complete the process for the 2014 calendar year.

The Benefit Access Program, formerly known as Circuit Breaker, is designed to provide assistance for people 65 and above or people who received supplemental income or disability benefits who fall within the following income guidelines: Household of one, \$27,610; household of two, \$36,635; household of three, \$45,657. Individuals who meet that criteria may be eligible for free transit ride cards and a discount on license plate fees.

No paper applications are available. To schedule an appointment, call Maine Township Department of General Assistance at 847-297-2510, ext. 236. According to Warnick, only scanned original documents may be used to file. Faxes will no longer be accepted

"This extension in the deadline to file for benefits under the Benefit Access Program reflects Maine Township's ongoing efforts to serve our community," said Township Supervisor Carol A. Teschky. "We encourage residents who are eligible to participate in this program," she said, and also reminded people that Senior Exemption Applications must be filed in the Assessor's Office at the end of the month with new property tax bills.

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