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Senior Millage helps cover cost of prescription medications

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – As the cost of prescription medications continues to rise, the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department wants older adults to be aware of significant benefits available to them through programs funded by the Kalamazoo County Senior Millage. Managed by HCS's Area Agency on Aging Division, the Senior Millage supports the Michigan Medicare Assistance Program and the Prescription Assistance Program in partnership with Advanced Health Pharmacy, both of which play a crucial role in helping older adults age in place with the support they need.

Michigan Medicare Assistance Program (MMAP): MMAP is designed to assist older adults in navigating health care coverage including finding plans and resources to help reduce the out-of-pocket costs associated with prescription medications. The program offers guidance, counseling, and support to ensure seniors make informed decisions about their healthcare coverage.

"Kalamazoo County is committed to the well-being of our older adults, and we understand the financial strain that prescription medication costs can place on them, even with insurance," said Miranda Pearson, MMAP Regional Coordinator. "The Senior Millage is a testament to our dedication to ensuring that older adults in our community can access affordable medications and receive the care they need to live healthy, fulfilling lives."

Individuals interested in accessing the MMAP program can call 269-373-5158.

Prescription Assistance Program: In partnership with Advanced Health Pharmacy, located at 7916 Oakland Drive in Portage, the Prescription Assistance Program provides additional financial relief to older adults by covering up to \$600 of prescription medications that are not covered by insurance.

"Advanced Health Pharmacy is honored to collaborate with the Area Agency on Aging in supporting the Prescription Assistance Program," said Arun Tandon, R.Ph. Pharmacist and Owner. "Together, we are dedicated to relieving the financial burden older adults may face when it comes to essential medications, ensuring they can lead healthy, fulfilling lives as active members of our community."

Individuals interested in accessing the Prescription Assistance Program can call 269-324-1100.

For more information about services available to older adults living in Kalamazoo County through the Kalamazoo County Senior Millage, please visit www.kalcounty.com/hcs/aaa/senior_millage.html or call the Area Agency on Aging office at 269-373-5173.

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