

ONE INCIDENT AWAY ...

Never Give Up Hope. We Can Help!

After 66 years of marriage, Mary's husband passed away. She had been his in-home caregiver, and they had both received Medicaid, food stamps, and extra help for prescriptions. This was a good thing because Mary suffers from diabetes, and the out of pocket costs for her insulin are extremely high.

During her annual Medicaid review, about six months after her husband had passed, Mary was deemed ineligible to receive assistance due to her new living situation. Her income alone was too high to qualify for Medicaid and Extra Help, but it wasn't enough to cover her insulin and other medications which totaled nearly \$1000 per month, even with Medicare Part D coverage.

Mary was about to give up. She couldn't afford her medications or food, and figured she would end up in a nursing home anyway since she wasn't able to leave her home without assistance. She contacted her local Area Agency on Aging and with a little help from Care Coordinator Allison, she was able to get a year's worth of free medications through two Pharmaceutical Patient Assistance Programs, as well as home-delivered meals through the Area Agency on Aging.

Mary called Allison after a few weeks and thanked her for her assistance. "You have no idea how much you helped me. I don't have to worry about choosing between paying my electric bill or paying for medications. And the home delivered meals are wonderful. I feel like a huge weight was lifted from my shoulders."

Your Area Agency on Aging in Missouri has expert help.

"We want to be here when you need us."

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Core Services:

Supportive Services
Caregiver Encouragement
Nutrition
Health and Wellness
Advocacy

Additional Support:

Care Coordination
Medicare Enrollment
Tax Assistance
Transportation
Respite



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