



State of CT
Department of Social Services

**Important Information about
the Medicare Savings Programs**

Right now, the State of Connecticut can recover money from a person's estate after the person's death when that person received help from the Medicare Savings Programs (QMB, SLMB, ALMB). The State can recover up to the amount of benefits paid out for a recipient of the program. We can recover money when there is no surviving spouse or child. A surviving child must be under twenty-one years old or blind or disabled.

Beginning January 1, 2010, the department will no longer recover monies for this program for benefits received on or after January 1, 2010. We will continue recoveries for benefits received before January 1, 2010.

If you are eligible for the Medicare Savings Program, you have a choice to make. You can apply and receive benefits now or you can wait until January 1, 2010 for benefits to be granted.

If you accept help now, the department may recover any benefits, paid for you before January 1, 2010, from your estate. If you wait to receive benefits until January 1, 2010, the department will not recover any benefits paid to you.

Please tell us what your choice is by checking one of the boxes below. Be sure to sign and return this notice with your application/redetermination for the Medicare Savings Program.

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- If I am eligible, I choose to receive benefits right away. I understand that the department may recover any benefits, paid for me before January 1, 2010, from my estate.
- If I am eligible, I choose not to receive benefits until January 1, 2010. I understand the department will not recover any benefits paid for me after that date.

Printed Name of Applicant/Recipient

Signature of Applicant/Recipient

Date

Signature of Conservator or Other Representative

Date