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The Royal News

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The "Royal Pages" Senior Resource Guide has been updated for the year 2009!

The guide is not currently available in hard copy form; however, it can be accessed online at www.accessclarkcounty.com.

Visit the Social Service page and click on Senior Advocate.

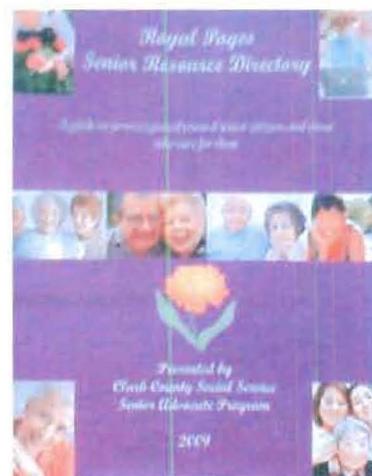
A link to the publication can be found near the

bottom of the page. Please contact the

Senior Advocate Program with

any questions or concerns at

455-7051.



Look for additional information on senior resources in publications such as Spotlight, Las Vegas Senior Resource Guide, or New Lifestyles. These senior service guides can be found at your local grocery store or senior center.

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Social Security News



Due to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries will receive a one-time payment of \$250.

All payments are to be delivered by late May 2009.

To assist with the prompt issuance of these payments, beneficiaries should not contact Social Security unless they do not receive their payment by June 4th.

Beneficiaries will be provided updates as the new legislation is implemented.

To learn more about these one-time payments please visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

Money isn't everything
but it sure keeps you in
touch with your children

— J. Paul Getty



I don't like money
actually, but it quiets my
nerves

— Joe Louis

Provider's Corner

If you or someone you know is participating in or preparing for physical rehabilitation after having a medical procedure or traumatic event, you may require the expertise of Family Patient Advocate, Suzanne Meyers, PFA. Suzanne has a wealth of experience and is able to provide advocacy and consulting services on behalf of patients and their families. Suzanne is available to help clients understand their prescribed treatment plans, act as a liaison between them and their physicians and consult regarding rehabilitation facilities.

Please call Suzanne at 702-335-3323 or email her at Suzanne@suzannemeyerspfa.com



Dear Marci,

I am retired and about to turn 65. Should I keep my retiree coverage once I have Medicare?

- Sheryl

Dear Sheryl,

It depends. Retiree coverage can be very expensive but, if you can afford it, it may still be worth the price. It acts as supplemental insurance, and may fill many of the gaps in Original Medicare's coverage, such as deductibles and coinsurance. It may also pay for some health care Medicare does not cover.

If your retiree plan gives you good vision and dental coverage and fills many of the gaps in your Medicare coverage, you should think hard before dropping it. You should also find out whether the drug coverage through your retiree insurance is considered as good or better than Medicare's ("creditable coverage"). If it is, you can join a Medicare private drug plan later without penalty if you need it.

To find out exactly what your retiree insurance covers and whether its drug coverage is considered "creditable," contact the Human Resources Department of the company through which you have retiree coverage.

Some employers sponsor Medicare private health plans (Medicare Advantage), such as Medicare HMOs and PFFS plans, for retirees who are eligible for Medicare. If you worked for one of these employers, you can get both your Medicare benefits and your retiree health benefits from a Medicare private health plan that has a contract with your former employer.

Some employers require that you join a Medicare private health plan to continue getting retiree health benefits. You can always choose not to take your employer's coverage. However, keep in mind that you may not be able to get that retiree coverage back if you want it at a later date.

- Marci

Need A Speaker?

The Senior Advocate Program has staff persons who are available to speak at your next event. Professional, warm, and energetic staff can provide seniors and their caregivers with the latest information on topics such as Social Security, Medicare, fraud, and much more. Please contact the Senior Advocate Program for additional information.



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Events

The Senior Advocate Program puts on several senior fairs throughout the year. Senior Fairs give seniors and their caregivers an opportunity to meet face-to-face with senior providers and receive first-hand information.

The Senior Advocate Program has scheduled two more fairs before the end of the summer:

April 23, 2009 West Flamingo Senior Center 10am - 1pm
(West Flamingo & Jones)

May 14, 2009 Parkdale Senior Center 10am - 1pm
(Desert Inn & Boulder Hwy)

To find out about senior fairs in your area look for your invitation in the mail or contact the Senior Advocate Program for upcoming events.

