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Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all
~ Stanley Horowitz

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Changes to Social Security & Medicare in 2012



Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries have not received a Cost-of-Living Adjustment since 2009. This will change in 2012 as the Social Security Administration has recently announced that more than 60 million beneficiaries will receive a 3.6% increase.

The increase for SSI beneficiaries will begin in December 2011 while Social Security beneficiaries will receive an increase in January 2012.

Medicare premiums will also increase in the upcoming year. Many Medicare beneficiaries were paying \$96.40 while others were paying \$115.40. However, the standard premium for 2012 will be \$99.90. The standard premium applies to single persons who earn less than \$85,000 and couples who earn less than \$170,000 annually.

Info retrieved from Medicare.gov

IS YOUR ID VALID?

When applying for most programs in the state of Nevada, most agencies require applicants to have a valid Nevada state ID. Upon moving to Nevada, residents have 30 days to get their ID changed to reflect their Nevada residency. In addition, existing residents who move from one residence to another have 30 days to change their address with the Department of Motor Vehicles according to state law. Oftentimes, if the address on your ID does not match the address on the document (ie: power bill, gas bill) you are seeking financial assistance for, you may be denied.



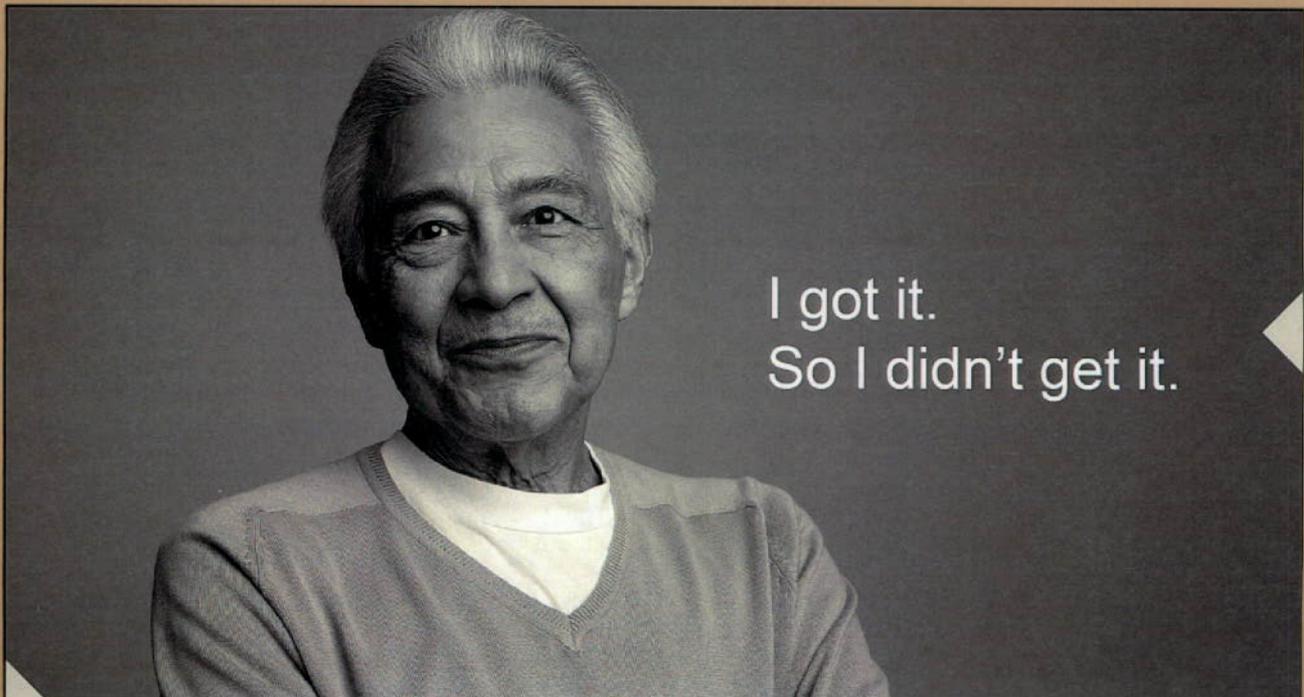
Currently, it costs \$3.00 to change the address on your Nevada driver's license or Nevada identification card. Keeping your address current with the Department of Motor Vehicles is not only the law but it can be an important factor when your eligibility is being determined for certain assistance programs.

Provider's Corner

If you or a loved has trouble with managing bills, budgets, and maintaining financial records; you may require the assistance of Right Hand Business Services. Right Hand Business Services is a Daily Money Management service that helps bring clarity and order to the everyday management of finances. The assistance available consists of opening, sorting and responding to mail; negotiating with creditors, deciphering and resolving medical billing discrepancies. These services and more are provided in the comfort and convenience of your home. If you or someone who know can use the services offered by Right Hand, please call 702-232-6854 to schedule a free in-home consultation.



An Important Message From the Southern Nevada Health District



I got it.
So I didn't get it.

Protect yourself and your family by getting a flu shot. It's safe, effective and your best defense against the flu.

The Southern Nevada Health District wants you to stay healthy during flu season. The best way to protect yourself is by getting a flu shot, frequently washing your hands and avoiding contact with sick people.

So get a flu shot at one of our public health centers or go to www.SNHD.info to find a satellite clinic near you.

In addition to regular flu shots, the health district also offers the high-dose flu vaccine, Pneumonia shots, Zostavax (shingles vaccine), and TDaP (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine) to clients over the age of 65.

NOTE: Methods of payment are Medicare Part B, Medicare Railroad Part B, Medicaid, Nevada Medicaid and Check-Up, Amerigroup Community Care Medicaid and Check-Up, or cash. Flu vaccine costs range from \$28 to \$53 for those not covered, who are covered by other insurance providers, or without proof of Medicare or Medicaid insurance.



Learn more about health district services:

Websites SNHD.info and GetHealthyClarkCounty.org
 Twitter twitter.com/SNHDinfo and twitter.com/SNHDflu
 Facebook facebook.com/SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict
 YouTube youtube.com/SNHealthDistrict

Happy Holidays

The holidays are fast approaching and there are numerous opportunities for seniors to congregate with friends and family to socialize and enjoy a meal. Contact a senior center near you to sign up for their holiday meal programs.

November 17, 2011 at 4pm - Annual Thanksgiving Feast at Cora Coleman Senior Center:
2100 Bonnie Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89156. 702-455-7617. Cost: \$8.00



November 17, 2011 at 11:30am - Thanksgiving Luncheon at Lieburn Senior Center:
6230 Garwood Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89107. 702-229-1600. Cost: \$3.00 w/ dish to share

November 22, 2011 at 12:00pm - Thanksgiving Luncheon at Las Vegas Senior Center:
451 E. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101. 702-229-6454. Cost: \$5.00

December 14, 2011 at 11:30am - Holiday Carol Luncheon at Las Vegas Senior Center:
451 E. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101. 702-229-6454. Cost: \$4.00



December 15, 2011 at 4pm - Holiday Party at Cora Coleman Senior Center:
2100 Bonnie Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89156. 702-455-7617. Cost: \$8.00

December 21, 2011 at 12:30pm - Holiday Celebration Luncheon at Centennial Hills Active Adult Center:
6601 N. Buffalo Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89131. 702-229-1702. Cost: \$7.00

Holiday Assistance Programs

If you are in need of assistance with food or toys for the holidays the following programs may be able to help:

HELP of Southern Nevada - Holiday Assistance Applications are accepted Monday - Thursday from 8am-2pm beginning Nov 1, 2011. Call the holiday information line at 702-836-2190 for more information.

Hope Link - Thanksgiving Meal Program - Available to seniors who reside in Henderson, Boulder City, and Seven Hills. Delivery is available for homebound and disabled seniors who do not have transportation. Please call 702-566-0576 x300.



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