

Did you know Area Agencies on Aging provide options?
Support the Senior Services Growth and Development Bill.

# **ONE INCIDENT AWAY ...**

## **Area Agencies Find Programs that Help Seniors Afford Life**

Lillie was in relatively good health. She only took a few generic pills that she could readily afford with no problem. When changes to Medicare made the Medicare D Program available to help pay for medications, she did not want a 'handout' and therefore did not enroll. She had worked all of her life to receive the Social Security income she was entitled to and was determined to live off of that. Even her Care Coordinator at the local Area Agency on Aging could not convince Lillie to enroll.

A few months went by — Lillie had a massive heart attack. She was prescribed three very expensive medications for her heart totaling \$835. Had Lillie enrolled in a prescription plan, the medications would have cost only \$53. Lillie's son was able to borrow money from the bank to purchase her medicines, but did not know how they would afford to pay for them next month or repay the loan at the bank.

Lillie's son contacted her Care Coordinator for assistance. As they were enrolling Lillie in a Medicare D Drug plan and MoRx, they discovered she might also qualify for Property Tax Credits, a program they were previously not familiar with.

After enrolling in Medicare D and MoRx, Lillie's drugs would only cost \$61 per month. They also applied for the past four years in Property Tax Credits, obtaining a rebate of \$2400. With the help of her local Area Agency on Aging, Lilly was able to afford her monthly medications and pay back the bank loan.

Your Area Agency on Aging in Missouri has expert help.

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



#### Core Services:

Supportive Services Caregiver Encouragement Nutrition Health and Wellness Advocacy

### Additional Support:

Care Coordination Medicare Enrollment Tax Assistance Transportation Respite



#### **Care Connection**

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