

## ***How can you receive Money Management assistance?***

Contact  
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Ask for the  
Money Management Program  
Coordinator

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Franklin County Home Care Corporation/Area Agency on Aging (FCHCC) is a private, non-profit corporation, which develops, provides, and coordinates a range of services to support the independent living of elders, people with disabilities and caregivers.

FCHCC serves all Franklin County towns plus Athol, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston in Worcester County.

We are committed to preventing or postponing the need for institutional care, facilitating the return home after an institutional stay, advocating for elders and people with disabilities, funding local projects and providing support to local Councils on Aging and Senior Centers.

FCHCC is committed to diversity in employment practices and service delivery. Our agency prohibits, discrimination and takes affirmative action in these areas, to serve people in our community with fairness and respect for all. We recognize that many differences among people may be barriers to inclusion. These differences include race, physical appearance and ability, sex, age, nationality and ancestry, class, religious and political beliefs, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. We welcome and value all persons and we dedicate our agency to an ongoing effort to achieve the goal of greater diversity among our employees, clients and others whom we serve.

Franklin County Home Care Corporation/Area Agency on Aging is funded in part by the federal Older Americans Act, the state Executive office of Elder Affairs, the Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Public Health and other sources both public and private. FCHCC is operated by a local volunteer Board of Directors, a majority of whom are, by law, elders. The agency is an AA/EOE employer, and does not discriminate in program admissions, access, services or employment practices.



# Money Management Program



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## Who would benefit from the Money Management program?

◆ The program assists elders who have difficulty writing checks or managing their basic living expenses for many reasons including vision difficulties, memory difficulties, physical disabilities and more.

## Elders who need and want help can receive:

### **Bill Payer Services:**

- ◆ A trained volunteer who assists them by:
  - ❖ writing checks
  - ❖ balancing a checkbook
  - ❖ sorting bills
  - ❖ developing a budget
  - ❖ monitoring income & expenses
  - ❖ or developing a repayment plan
- ◆ The elder retains authority to sign his/her own checks.

### **Representative Payee Services:**

- ◆ Available on a limited basis. Call for details.

## Who is Eligible?

- ◆ People age 60 or older.
- ◆ Income of less than \$24, 837 per year for a single person and \$35, 144 per year for a couple. (updated Jan 2009)
- ◆ Liquid assets of less than \$35,000.
- ◆ A resident of Franklin County or the towns of Athol, Petersham, Phillipston, or Royalston.

## How does the program work?

- ◆ An elder, or someone on behalf of an elder, calls the Money Management program to request Bill Payer or Representative Payee assistance.
- ◆ If the person qualifies for the program, they will be placed on a waiting list. They are matched with a volunteer as one become available.
- ◆ Program safeguards are in place such as screening of volunteers and account monitoring.
- ◆ If the person does not qualify for the program, FCHCC Information & Caregiver Resource Center can suggest other options.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are at the core of the Money Management Program.

There are three types of volunteers:  
Bill Payer  
Office Aide  
Monitor

The Bill Payer volunteer is matched with a specific client.

A current volunteer says ,  
*"This work is not only interesting, but highly rewarding."*

Volunteers enjoy the "hands-on" connection with people who really need help.

Training and ongoing support are provided to volunteers by the Money Management Program Director.

## Who can volunteer?

Volunteers come from all walks of life.

- ◆ Retirees from all types of professions.
- ◆ Persons still working who are looking for a flexible volunteer position.
- ◆ AARP members.