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## Calendar

**Share the Harvest food pantry** Tues. 1pm to 7pm, Wed & Thurs, 10am to 4pm. 689 Missouri Hwy 7, Camdenton

<u>Mobile Food Pantry Camden County</u> Osage Hills Baptist Church in Osage Beach. Second Friday of each month.

<u>People's First of Camden County</u> meets the second Thursday of each month in LODC at 4 pm. The meal is potluck. Check out their FB page for more information.

**Good Neighbors** First Baptist Church of Eldon 3rd Monday night of each month starting at 6:00 pm. Address: 209 S. Aurora St. Eldon, MO 65026

The ARC of the Lake meets at Miller County Board office at 776 Hwy D, Osage Beach, MO on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm.

July 20th from 1 pm to 3 pm will be the ICE CREAM SOCIAL at Versailles City Park.

<u>ARC of the Lake Swim Party will</u> be held Saturday, August 10th 10 am to 4:00 pm at Wonderland Camp.



## **NEMT**

NEMT stands for **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation.** The purpose of the NEMT program is to ensure transportation for people receiving for Medicaid to get to appointments for services that are COVERED BY MEDICAID.

To get started, look on the back of your Medicaid ID card and call the number listed there for transportation. You must call at least 5 calendar days before the day of the appointment or you may not get NEMT. You may call Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. for regular scheduled appointments. Before dialing for yourself or a the person you are supporting, make sure you have the following information:

- Rider's name, Date Of Birth, Medicaid ID number, address, and phone.
- Name, address, phone of the medical provider you plan to see along with date and time of appointment.
- Medical reason for needing the ride.
- Does the rider use a wheelchair, cane, oxygen etc?
- If the rider is under 17, tell them which parent or guardian will be riding with the minor child.
- You can also go to Logisticare Transportation Provider Login and make all your ap-

pointments online.

## Dealing with Social Security Administration (SSA)

In recent months, we have heard a number of stories about people being put into a back pay situation with Social Security. Clients find themselves owing \$1,000 or even \$20,000 and they are not sure how it happened. To pay SSA back, the agency simply deducts a portion of all future checks until you have returned all of the overpayments. At the beginning of 2019, Social Security paid an average monthly disability benefit of about \$1,234 to all disabled workers. That is barely enough to keep a beneficiary above the 2018 poverty level. Losing a portion of that income can be devastating. Here are some tips to help you avoid being placed in that difficult situation.

- 1. If you have a Special Needs Trust such as one from a car accident, hire an attorney familiar with Social Security law to review it and make sure you are protected.
- 2. If you need to save money for education, housing, transportation etc, spend the \$50 to open a MOABLE Account. This will enable you to save what you need without losing SSI or Medicaid. <a href="https://www.moable.com/">https://www.moable.com/</a> through the Missouri State Treasurer's website.
- 3. Set up an appointment with Rachel Baskerville in our office and explore all the different ways Social Security provides an incentive for you to work without losing your benefits. Rachel can be reached at 573-693-1511. She has been trained to help you understand trial work period, ticket to work, extended period of eligibility, continuation of Medicare, how to claim work expenses related to your disability, and setting up a Plan to Achieve Self-Support.
- 4. According to the Center on Budget and Police Priorities, the Social Security Administration has lost 12% of their staff since 2010 and they will be losing more in 2019. This means that when you mail in or fax your earning statement, someone has to find the time to put your information into the data base. This has led to some clients being penalized for being late when they actually turned the paystubs in on time.
- 5. Avoid this problem by using your smart phone to download the mobile app and report it yourself. The SSA office even provides a Youtube video to teach you how to use it. If you have an Android phone, go to the PLAY STORE

and search for SSI Mobile Wage Reporting. If you have an IPH-ONE, go to the APP STORE and search for the same thing. The icon looks like this.