If you need assistance sorting through the paperwork for your medical treatment, consider contacting our office to make an appointment with our Benefit Specialist.

Benefit Specialists are located in every county in Wisconsin. These "red-tape cutters" assist older adults and their families navigate through a variety of benefit issues like Social Security, Medicare, private insurance, Medical Assistance, SSI, consumer issues and much more.

For more information about this, or any other older adult issue, call the Oneida County Department on Aging:

715– 369-6170

or

Toll-free

800-379-7499

or on-line at:
www.oneidacountyaginginfo.com

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As you plan to go home...

Department on Aging services and programs that can make the transition easier for you and your family

For
Oneida County
residents
ages 60 and older

There's no place like home...

Whether you are going home from the hospital, or a rehabilitation facility, it is important to plan ahead for the services you will need at home.

Medicare and other health insurance guidelines determine when you will be discharged. Start planning now, to be assured everything is in place when you go home.

The Oneida County Department on Aging offers residents ages 60 and older a variety of services, including some you may want to consider as you head home. The Department on Aging does not have any income guidelines for services, although donations are accepted.

Information and Assistance

Your Discharge Planner at the hospital or rehabilitation facility is your best resource for making a transition plan home.

The" *Oneida County Senior Resource Directory"* is another good resource available from your Discharge Planner. The Department on Aging also has trained staff to offer options and choices to older adults and their family.

Medical Equipment Loan Closet

We have a variety of equipment (toilet risers, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, commodes, shower benches, etc...) available on loan to help your recovery at home. Call one day in advance to check our inventory and request next-day pick-up .

Talk with your health care provider about what items could be covered by Medicare/insurance and if any items should be fitted by a Physical Therapist.

Home Delivered Meals

Good nutrition is important to good health!

Hot nutritious meals are delivered to older adults unable to attend their local dining site or prepare their own meals.

Meal recipients receive a statement each month with the suggested donation ($3/ meal). Contact us for more details regarding eligibility for this program.

Transportation

The Department on Aging offers door-to-door service with a lift-equipped bus weekdays within Rhinelander city limits Volunteer escort drivers are also available to transport you to medical appointments throughout the county and state.

Call us, or refer to the *"Oneida County Senior Resource Directory"* or go on-line to www.oneidacountyaginginfo.com for more options in your area.