



## The Impact of Illinois Public Support Programs When Income Falls Short in Retirement

While Public Support Programs Reduce Expenses, Illinois Elders Still Fall Short of Economic Security							
	Elder Economic Security Standard Index	Food Stamps	Food Stamps + Rx Assist.	Food Stamps + Rx Assist. + Medical Assist.	Food Stamps + Rx Assist. + Medical Assist. + Energy Assist.	Food Stamps + Rx Assist. + Medical Assist. + Housing Assist.	
Housing	\$406	\$406	\$406	\$406	\$370	\$246	
Food	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	
Transportation	\$286	\$286	\$286	\$286	\$286	\$286	
Health Care	\$356	\$356	\$291	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Miscellaneous	\$233	\$233	\$233	\$233	\$233	\$233	
<b>Total Expenses (monthly)</b>	<b>\$1,496</b>	<b>\$1,496</b>	<b>\$1,431</b>	<b>\$1,140</b>	<b>\$1,104</b>	<b>\$980</b>	
Average Social Security Income (monthly)	\$874	→					
<b>Economic Security</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>89%</b>	

**Table 3: The Impact of Supports on Monthly Costs and Economic Security for a Single Renter Living on Average Annual Social Security (\$10,484/yr, \$874/mn) in Williamson County, IL, 2007**

Source: Wider Opportunities for Women, *Elders Living on the Edge: When Meeting Basic Needs Exceeds Available Income in IL*. (Washington, DC: Wider Opportunities for Women, 2008).