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I frequently talk to seniors in my district who face severe financial pressures. Therefore, I wanted to use this newsletter to look at these pressures both from the big-picture policy perspective and from the individual perspective of what programs are out there that may help seniors meet their needs. This newsletter will offer an overview of the major benefit programs that can help seniors with housing, healthcare, and other costs of living. I wanted to highlight these programs because so many seniors have not enrolled in programs they are eligible for, especially the Senior Citizens' Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). I will also discuss a couple of major policy issues facing seniors – the lack of cost-of-living-adjustment for Social Security and skyrocketing premiums for long-term care insurance.

The newsletter can be downloaded as a PDF file [here](#), and is viewable below.