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I live in Brunswick, am 74, my income is \$15,000 from Social Security (after I pay the Medicare premium) and I have two part-time jobs to help pay the bills. I live alone, so there's no second income to help with expenses. In addition, I have an adult son with a disability who has definite financial need. Though he lives independently in subsidized housing, he hasn't been able to find a decent-paying job, and so I try to help him out as I can. The Medicare premium takes a significant chunk of my income right now, and I'd love to help out my son more and not worry about my future as much. There is a feeling of angst and doom when you're older and live alone. I hope you can offer compassion to the thousands like me who are still working in their 70s but still not quite making it.