

Wyoming

11,283

Low-Income People in Wyoming Connected to Benefits in 2022-2023

Thanks to federal funding that supports efforts to find and enroll low-income people on Medicare into benefits they are eligible for, 11,283 low-income older and disabled people in Wyoming received assistance that can **help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.**

This federal funding supports Wyoming's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 1 Area Agency on Aging



These organizations help older adults making less than \$22,000 a year apply for:

- Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS/Extra Help)
- Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs)



Funding also supports BenefitsCheckUp®, a free online screening and enrollment tool.

People in Wyoming in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- **3,283** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Wyoming received help with access to low-income benefits
- **8,000** People in Wyoming used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- **28,349** Medicare beneficiaries in Wyoming are living at or below 150% of the federal poverty level and need help affording health care

Estimate taken from SHIP Tracking and Reporting System (STARS)

Jake's Story

After Jake suffered a stroke, his sister became his main caregiver. But even combined, they could not afford Jake's medication, and he often had to go without it. They were living on a diet of sandwiches and ramen. Meeting with a benefits counselor connected the siblings to programs that can help. They applied for a Medicare Savings Program and Medicare Part D Extra Help, which helped pay for prescription costs, premiums, deductibles, and co-pays. The counselors even went the extra mile to help the pair find a better living situation and food assistance.



Organizations Connecting Low-Income People in Wyoming to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Wyoming Senior Citizens, Inc.

www.wyomingseniors.com

1-800-856-4398

Area Agency on Aging

Wyoming Department of Health's Aging Division

health.wyo.gov/aging

307-777-7995

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**Benefits outreach and enrollment works—
but without this assistance low-income people in Wyoming on Medicare will be left behind, unable to afford basic health care.**