

Virginia

266,573

Low-Income Virginians 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, 266,573 low-income older and disabled Virginians received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

This federal funding supports Virginia's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 22 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 3 Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs)



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.

Virginians in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 48,573 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Virginia received help with access to low-income benefits
- 218,000 Virginians used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- 479,898 Medicare beneficiaries in Virginia 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)

Mr. Chester's Story

|| A Virginia Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) helped Mr. Chester with applications for Medicaid, SNAP, MSP, and LIS. Mr. Chester was referred by the local DSS office, which indicated he needed person-centered assistance due to being deaf. The BEC was able to assist Mr. Chester using text and email to complete all applications in a timely manner.



Organizations Connecting Low-Income Virginians to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Virginia Insurance Counseling & Assistance Program (VICAP)

www.vda.virginia.gov/vicap.htm

1-800-552-3402

22 Area Agencies on Aging

www.vda.virginia.gov/aaamap.htm

804-662-9333

Benefits Enrollment Centers

Arlington County Aging and Disability Services

www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/DHS/Aging-Disability

703-228-1700

ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia

www.ecnv.org

703-525-3268

Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington

www.kcscgw.org

703-354-6345

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800-794-6559

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