

Pennsylvania 1st District

19,407

Low-Income Residents of Pennsylvania's 1st District 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, 19,407 low-income older and disabled Residents of Pennsylvania's 1st District received assistance that can **help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.**

This federal funding supports Pennsylvania's 1st District :

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 2 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)



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.

Residents of Pennsylvania's 1st District in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- **19,407** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers received help with access to low-income benefits

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- **67,169** Medicare beneficiaries in Pennsylvania's 1st District 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)

Betty's Story

|| Betty, 73, was spending \$144 a month on Medicare premiums, which made it increasingly difficult to afford daily expenses, including health care for her heart disease, arthritis, and osteoporosis. She was also caring for her son who lost his job due to a health issue. The Pennsylvania Benefits Center helped Betty apply for the Medicare Savings Program, which put that \$144 back into her monthly Social Security check. Betty also discovered she was eligible for a Property Tax Rent Rebate to help with housing costs and \$223 a month in food benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Now Betty and her son have the resources they need to rebuild their financial security.



Organizations Connecting Low-Income Residents of Pennsylvania's 1st District to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight
www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/medicare-counseling
800-783-7067

Area Agencies on Aging

Bucks County AAA
buckscounty.gov/231/Aging
267-880-5700

Montgomery County AAA
montcopa.org/148/Aging-Adult-Services
610-278-3601

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