

Massachusetts

341,567

People in Massachusetts 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, 341,567 low-income older and disabled people in Massachusetts received assistance that can **help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.**

This federal funding supports Massachusetts's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 31 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 1 Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC)



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.

Massachusetts Residents in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- **265,567** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Massachusetts received help with access to low-income benefits
- **76,000** people in Massachusetts used Benefits CheckUp[®] to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- **416,261** Medicare beneficiaries in Massachusetts 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)

Karen's Story



I work for a State Health Insurance Assistance Program, and the MIPPA funding is literally what keeps some of my clients going. Without this funding, some Medicare beneficiaries will need to make life-or-death decisions based on what they can afford... Medicare is far too complex for most beneficiaries to navigate on their own.



Organizations Connecting Low-Income Massachusetts Residents to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (SHINE)

www.mass.gov/health-insurance-counseling

800-243-4636

31 Area Agencies on Aging

caremassachusetts.org/list10_MA_Aging_Services_senior_centers.htm

Benefits Enrollment Center

LifePath

www.lifepathma.org

413-773-5555

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800-794-6559

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