

# California 45th District

# 84,569

#### Low-Income Residents of California's 45th 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, 84,569 low-income older and disabled residents of California's 45th District received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

#### This federal funding supports California's 45th District:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 3 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 5 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.

#### Residents of California's 45th District in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 84,185 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers received help with access to low-income benefits
- 384 used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

#### ... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

 894,431 Medicare beneficiaries in California's 45th 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)

#### **Mary Ann's Story**



As a disabled senior citizen who lives below the poverty level and has only Social Security upon which to live and pay rent, I myself am a participant in the Extra Help program. It enables me to both get to appointments and to afford the medications and health aids prescribed for me. Without this coverage, I could afford neither.



## Organizations Connecting Low-Income Residents of California's 45th District to Benefits

### State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

California Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) www.aging.ca.gov/hicap/

1-800-434-0222

#### **Area Agencies on Aging**

City of Los Angeles Department of Aging ging.lacity.org

County of Orange Office on Aging officeonaging.ocgov.com

Los Angeles County Aging & Disabilities Department ad.lacounty.gov

#### **Benefits Enrollment Centers**

LTSC Community Development Corporation Itsc.org

**Mexican American Opportunity Foundation** maof.org

Partners in Care Foundation picf.org

Southern California Rehabilitation Services, Inc. scrs-ilc.org

United Cambodian Community ucclb.org

PCOE BenefitsCheckUp.

BenefitsCheckUp.org

National Council on Aging

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