

Illinois

390,076

Low-Income Illinois Residents 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, 390,076 low-income older and disabled Illinois Residents received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

This federal funding supports Illinois's :

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 13 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 8 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.

Illinois Residents in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 235,376 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Illinois received help with access to low-income benefits
- 154,700 Illinois Residents used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- 689,571 Medicare beneficiaries in Illinois 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)

John's Story

John had been receiving Social Security Disability for 2 years and recently started receiving Medicare. Medicare premiums were being deducted from his check, even though he qualified for a Medicare Savings Program. A benefits specialist helped him apply, and they soon discovered that the initial premium deductions were made in error. John received a refund, and he now has ongoing support to help him afford his daily expenses.



Organizations Connecting Low-Income Illinois Residents to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Senior Health Insurance Program

ilaging.illinois.gov/ship.html

800-252-8966

13 Area Agencies on Aging

ilaging.illinois.gov/forprofessionals/areaagenciesonaging

800-252-8966

Benefits Enrollment Centers

AgeOptions

www.ageoptions.org

AgeSmart Community Resources

www.agesmart.org

Alivio Medical Center

alivio.org

HANA Center

hanacenter.org

Harvard Community Senior Center

harvardseniorcenter.org

Indo American Center

indoamerican.org

Northwest Side Housing Center

www.northwestcenterchicago.org

Sinai Chicago - Sinai
Community Institute

www.sinaichicago.org

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