

California 23rd District

147,080 Low-Income Residents of California's 23rd 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, 147,080 low-income older and disabled residents of California's 23rd District received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

This federal funding supports California's 23rd District:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 4 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)

Residents of California's 23rd District in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

Funding also supports

BenefitsCheckUp®, a

free online screening

and enrollment tool.

- **102,825** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers received help with access to low-income benefits
- **44,255** used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

 903,206 Medicare beneficiaries in California's 23rd 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 23rd 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 aging.lacity.org

County of Kern, Aging and Adult Services Department <u>co.kern.ca.us/aas</u>

County of San Bernardino Aging & Adult Services hss.sbcounty.gov/daas

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

Benefits Enrollment Centers

LTSC Community Development Corporation ltsc.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

DECOC BenefitsCheckUp. BenefitsCheckUp.org National Council on Aging 800-794-6559

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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.