

# Missouri

# 172,492

## Low-Income Missourians 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, 172,492 low-income older and disabled Missourians received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

### This federal funding supports Missouri's:

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

### Missourians in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 114,492 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Missouri received help with access to low-income benefits
- 58,000 Missourians used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

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

- 395,096 Medicare beneficiaries in Missouri 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)*

## Joe's Story

Joe lived on less than \$1,000 per month. He applied for a Medicare Savings Program, but never heard whether he was approved. A benefits counselor called the state and discovered that Joe's application had been missed. Recognizing the error, the agency turned on the benefits to help Joe with his Medicare Part B expenses and set them to be retroactive to the day he applied.



## Organizations Connecting Low-Income Missourians to Benefits

### State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

#### Missouri State Health Insurance Assistance Program

[missouriship.org](http://missouriship.org)

800-390-3330

#### 10 Area Agencies on Aging

[ma4web.org/find-local-agency/](http://ma4web.org/find-local-agency/)

800-235-5503

### Benefits Enrollment Centers

#### Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging

[www.ma4web.org](http://www.ma4web.org)

573-668-8824

#### Missouri Department of Insurance

[insurance.mo.gov/index.php](http://insurance.mo.gov/index.php)

573-751-4126

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[BenefitsCheckUp.org](http://BenefitsCheckUp.org)

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800-794-6559

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