

America

9.3M

Low-Income Americans 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, 9.3 million low-income older and disabled Americans received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

This federal funding supports America's:

- 50 State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP)
- 622 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 90 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.

Americans in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 5.7 million Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in America received help with access to low-income benefits
- 3.6 million Americans used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- 20.5 million Medicare beneficiaries in America 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 Americans to Benefits

State Health Insurance Programs

shiphelp.org

800-701-0501

Area Agencies on Aging

eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx

800-342-9871

Benefits Enrollment Centers

ncoa.org/article/meet-our-benefits-enrollment-centers

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800-794-6559

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