

# Illinois 16<sup>th</sup> District

# 24,289

## Low-Income Residents of Illinois's 16th 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, 24,289 low-income older and disabled residents of Illinois's 16th district received assistance that can **help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.**

### This federal funding supports Illinois's 16th District :

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



### 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<sup>®</sup>, a  
free online screening  
and enrollment tool.

### Residents of Illinois's 16th District in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- **23,072** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in received help with access to low-income benefits
- **1,217** residents used BenefitsCheckUp<sup>®</sup> to connect with benefits online

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

- **689,571** Medicare beneficiaries in Illinois's 16th 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)*

# 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 Residents of Illinois's 16th District to Benefits

### State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Senior Health Insurance Program

[ilaging.illinois.gov/ship.html](http://ilaging.illinois.gov/ship.html)

800-252-8966

### Area Agencies on Aging

Boone, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties

Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging

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

815-226-4901

### Grundy County

AgeGuide

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

630-293-5990

### Bureau, Henry, and Putnam Counties

Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging

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

309-793-6800

### Marshall, Peoria, Stark, and Tazewell Counties

Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc.

[ciaoa.net](http://ciaoa.net)

309-674-2071

### Ford, Livingston, and McLean Counties

East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

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

309-829-2065

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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.