

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

800-390-3330

10 Area Agencies on Aging

ma4web.org/find-local-agency/

800-235-5503

Benefits Enrollment Centers

Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging

www.ma4web.org

573-668-8824

Missouri Department of Insurance

insurance.mo.gov/index.php

573-751-4126

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BenefitsCheckUp.org

National Council on Aging

800-794-6559

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