

Tennessee

412,363

Low-Income Tennessee Residents 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, 412,363 low-income older and disabled Tennessee Residents received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

This federal funding supports Tennessee's :

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 9 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 2 Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC)



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.

Ohio Residents in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- **313,763** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Tennessee received help with access to low-income benefits
- **98,600** Tennessee Residents used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- **455,733** Medicare beneficiaries in Tennessee 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)

Mrs. P's Story



Mrs. P, age 71, had a Medicare Savings Program (MSP) and Medicare Advantage plan. A benefits counselor told her she should be receiving the full Medicare Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) since she was on an MSP. The full LIS qualified Mrs. P for a better Medicare plan for no premium. The counselor helped her contact her insurance company, verify her eligibility, and get her plan switched. Now Mrs. P has a lower copay on many services, receives transportation, and has an emergency button to wear.



Organizations Connecting Low-Income Tennessee Residents to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Tennessee State Health Insurance Assistance Program (TN SHIP)

tn.gov/disability-and-aging/disability-aging-programs/tn-ship

877-801-0044

9 Area Agencies on Aging

tn.gov/disability-and-aging/resource-directory/aaad

615-532-6530

Benefits Enrollment Center

Council on Aging of Greater Nashville

agewelltn.org

Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee

knoxcac.org

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800-794-6559

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