

# Oklahoma

# 135,878

## People in Oklahoma 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, 135,878 low-income older and disabled people in Oklahoma received assistance that can **help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.**

### This federal funding supports Oklahoma's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 10 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®, a free online screening and enrollment tool.

### Oklahoma Residents in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 99,878 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Oklahoma received help with access to low-income benefits
- 36,000 people in Oklahoma used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

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

- 251,246 Medicare beneficiaries in Oklahoma 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)*

## Lois's Story

Lois, 81, has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and her medications cost \$2,200 a month. With an income of just \$900, she couldn't afford her prescriptions, oxygen tank, rent, food, and electric bill. A benefits counselor discovered Lois qualified for the Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy. Within a month, Lois was paying just \$9 for a 90-day supply of medication. With the savings, Lois could pay her daily expenses and even afford new eyeglasses.



## Organizations Connecting Low-Income Oklahoma Residents to Benefits

**State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)  
Oklahoma Insurance Department Medicare  
Assistance Program**

[oid.ok.gov/consumers/information-for-seniors](https://oid.ok.gov/consumers/information-for-seniors)

1-800-763-2828

**Oklahoma Human Services MIPPA Program**

[oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/cap/fa.html](https://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/cap/fa.html)

1-800-211-2116

**10 Area Agencies on Aging**

[oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/cap.html](https://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/cap.html)

1-800-211-2116

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

National Council on Aging

800-794-6559

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