

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)
- 11 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

1-800-763-2828

11 Area Agencies on Aging

oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/cap.html

1-800-211-2116

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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
people in Oklahoma on
Medicare will be left
behind, unable
to afford basic
health care.**