

# Iowa

# 82,558

## People in Iowa 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, 82,558 low-income older and disabled people in Iowa received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

### This federal funding supports Iowa's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 6 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 1 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.

### Iowa Residents in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 68,358 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Iowa received help with access to low-income benefits
- 14,200 people in Iowa used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

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

- 170,502 Medicare beneficiaries in Iowa 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 was told he had too much money for Medicaid. But a benefits counselor reviewed his case and found he was eligible. He applied for that program, as well as a Medicare Savings Program, plus help with his Internet bill and food assistance. All told, the counselor helped John receive \$220 per month, which he said “makes a huge difference” in his ability to afford daily expenses.



## Organizations Connecting Low-Income Iowa Residents to Benefits

### Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP)

[shiip.iowa.gov](http://shiip.iowa.gov)

800-351-4664

### 6 Area Agencies on Aging

[hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/aging-services/aaas](http://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/aging-services/aaas)

800-972-2017

### Benefits Enrollment Center

#### Elderbridge Agency on Aging

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

800-243-0678

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