

# Kentucky

# 142,522

## Low-Income Kentuckians 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, 142,522 low-income older and disabled Kentuckians received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

### This federal funding supports Kentucky's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 15 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.

### Kentuckians in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 89,522 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Kentucky received help with access to low-income benefits
- 53,000 Kentuckians used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

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

- 350,421 Medicare beneficiaries in Kentucky 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)*

## Larry's Story

**||** Larry, 67, had gone \$1,200 into debt coping with a cancer diagnosis. Luckily, he reached out to a benefits counselor, who discovered he was eligible for a Medicare Savings Plan. The counselor helped him enroll and instructed his debtors to resubmit their claims for coverage. Larry was able to begin radiation treatment without fear of being denied service or coverage. "Y'all saved my life," Larry said. "I couldn't have done this by myself."



## Organizations Connecting Low-Income Kentuckians to Benefits

### State Health Insurance Assistance Program

[www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dail/Pages/ship.aspx](http://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dail/Pages/ship.aspx)

877-293-7447

### 15 Area Agencies on Aging

[www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dail/Pages/aaail.aspx](http://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dail/Pages/aaail.aspx)

800-342-9871

### Benefits Enrollment Center

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass

[www.lablaw.org](http://www.lablaw.org)

859-431-8200

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

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800-794-6559

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