

Tennessee 1st District

57,491

Low-Income Residents of Tennessee's 1st District 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, 57,491 low-income older and disabled residents of Tennessee's 1st district received assistance that can **help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.**

This federal funding supports Tennessee's 1st District :

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 2 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.

Residents of Tennessee's 1st District in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- **55,805** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in received help with access to low-income benefits
- **1,686** residents used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- **68,640** Medicare beneficiaries of Tennessee's 1st District 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

Area Agencies on Aging

Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington Counties

First Tennessee Area Agencies on Aging and Disability

ftaad.org

423-928-3258

Cocke, Hamblen, Jefferson, and Sevier Counties

East Tennessee Area Agencies on Aging and Disability

ethra.org/programs/45/area-agency-on-aging-and-disability

865-251-4897

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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.**