

# New York

# 505,633

## Low-Income New Yorkers 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, 505,633 low-income older and disabled New Yorkers received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

### This federal funding supports New York's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 62 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 11 Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs)



### 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.

### New Yorkers in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- **338,133** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in New York received help with access to low-income benefits
- **167,500** New Yorkers used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

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

- **1.3 million** Medicare beneficiaries in New York 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)*

# Dora's Story



At 68, Dora was living on just \$430 a month from her husband's Social Security. Medicare was deducting \$165 a month for the Part B premium. That left Dora just \$265 a month to cover rent, utilities, food, and all her other daily expenses. A benefits counselor at the Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York helped Dora apply for Medicare Savings Program, which will save her \$1,979 in 2024. The counselor also helped Dora apply for an affordable unit at a senior housing complex. Today, Dora has the support she needs to live with the dignity and security she deserves.



## Organizations Connecting Low-Income New Yorkers to Benefits

### [Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance Program](#)

New York Office for the Aging  
800-701-0501

### [62 Area Agencies on Aging](#)

800-342-9871

## 11 Benefits Enrollment Centers

- [Benefits Data Trust](#)
- [Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York](#)
- [Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc.](#)
- [Erie County Department of Senior Services](#)
- [Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc.](#)
- [Living Independently is For Everyone at RCIL, Inc.](#)
- [LiveOnNY](#)
- [Mekong NYC](#)
- [Rockland Independent Living Center dba BRIDGES](#)
- [Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.](#)
- [West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing, Inc.](#)

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—but without this  
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