

# Arizona

# 80,302

## Low-Income People in Arizona 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, 80,302 low-income older and disabled people in Arizona received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

#### This federal funding supports Arizona's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 8 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 2 Benefits Enrollment Center (BECs)



Funding also supports BenefitsCheckUp®, a free online screening and enrollment tool.

# 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)



#### Arizona Residents in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 19,502 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Arizona received help with access to low-income benefits
- 60,800 people in Arizona used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

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

 434,082 Medicare beneficiaries in Arizona 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)

### Jane's Story



Jane had lost her Medicare D plan when she moved from California to Arizona. She was receiving MSP and LIS, but she didn't know if she needed to apply in Arizona. After checking Jane's income, a benefits counselor discovered she would qualify for MSP in Arizona. The counselor also enrolled Jane in a new Medicare Part D plan and the LI-NET program, so Jane could have her prescriptions filled while waiting for her new plan to start.



#### **Organizations Connecting Low-Income Arizona Residents to Benefits**

#### **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**

azship.org

800-432-4040

#### **Area Agencies on Aging**

des.az.gov/services/older-adults/area-agency-on-aging-locations 717-783-1550

#### **Benefits Enrollment Centers**

Aster Aging, Inc.

asteraz.org

Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.

cplc.org

BenefitsCheckUp.org
National Council on Aging
800-794-6559

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Benefits outreach
and enrollment works
—but without this
assistance low-income
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Medicare will be
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to afford basic
health care.