

Ohio

1,289,336

## Low-Income Ohio Residents 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, 1,289,336 low-income older and disabled Ohio Residents received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

### This federal funding supports Ohio's :

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 11 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 7 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.

### Ohio Residents in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 1,157,136 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Ohio received help with access to low-income benefits
- 132,200 Ohio Residents used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

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

- 705,127 Medicare beneficiaries in Ohio 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)

# Xiang and Bi's Story

**||** Xiang and Bi, a retired couple who are both 66, had a combined retirement income of \$500 a month after their Medicare premium. They were struggling to meet their daily expenses and afford prescriptions. Due to their medical conditions, they could not work and were worried about their living situation. A benefits counselor helped them apply for the Medicare Saving Program, Medicare Low-Income Subsidy, and other programs. They were enrolled in all, enabling them to cover all their bills.



## Organizations Connecting Low-Income Ohio Residents to Benefits

### State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIIP)  
[insurance.ohio.gov/about-us/divisions/oshiip](https://insurance.ohio.gov/about-us/divisions/oshiip)

800-686-1578

### 11 Area Agencies on Aging

[aging.ohio.gov/find-services](https://aging.ohio.gov/find-services)

866-243-5678

### Benefits Enrollment Center

Area Agency on Aging 3

[www.aaa3.org](https://www.aaa3.org)

Asian Services in Action, Inc.

[www.asiaohio.org](https://www.asiaohio.org)

Catholic Social Services, Inc.

[colscss.org](https://colscss.org)

Council on Aging of  
Southwestern Ohio

[help4seniors.org](https://help4seniors.org)

Famicos Foundation

[famicos.org](https://famicos.org)

National Church Residences

[nationalchurchresidences.org/  
benefits-enrollment-center](https://nationalchurchresidences.org/benefits-enrollment-center)

Ohio District 5 Area Agency  
on Aging

[www.aaa5ohio.org](https://www.aaa5ohio.org)

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national council on aging

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

National Council on Aging

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