

Louisiana

112,198

Low-Income Louisianians 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, 112,198 low-income older and disabled Louisianians received assistance that can **help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.**

This federal funding supports Louisiana's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 6 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.

Louisianians in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- **73,198** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Louisiana received help with access to low-income benefits
- **39,000** Louisianians used BenefitsCheckUp[®] to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- **359,500** Medicare beneficiaries in Louisiana 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)

Mr. & Mrs. David's Story



Mr. & Mrs. David lived on less than \$1,600 a month. The couple depended on a Medicare Savings Program and the Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy to help pay their health care premiums and co-pays. But when Mrs. David passed away, Mr. David was told the benefits were terminated. In grief and not sure what to do, he struggled on a reduced income for many months. Then he heard an ad for the state SHIP. He called and a counselor discovered what had happened. Mr. David was re-approved for the benefits and now has a little less stress in his life.



Organizations Connecting Low-Income Louisianians to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Senior Health Insurance Information Program

www.lidi.la.gov/consumers/senior-health-shiip

800-259-5300

[6 Area Agencies on Aging](#)

225-342-7100

Benefits Enrollment Center

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

www.ccano.org

866-891-2210

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800-794-6559

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