

# Pennsylvania

# 457,782

## Low-Income Pennsylvanians 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, 457,782 low-income older and disabled Pennsylvanians received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

### This federal funding supports Pennsylvania's :

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 52 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.

### Pennsylvanians in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 278,782 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Pennsylvania received help with access to low-income benefits
- 179,000 Pennsylvanians used Benefits CheckUp® to connect with benefits online

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

- 825,172 Medicare beneficiaries in Pennsylvania 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)*

# Betty's Story

**||** Betty, 73, was spending \$144 a month on Medicare premiums, which made it increasingly difficult to afford daily expenses, including health care for her heart disease, arthritis, and osteoporosis. She was also caring for her son who lost his job due to a health issue. The Pennsylvania Benefits Center helped Betty apply for the Medicare Savings Program, which put that \$144 back into her monthly Social Security check. Betty also discovered she was eligible for a Property Tax Rent Rebate to help with housing costs and \$223 a month in food benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Now Betty and her son have the resources they need to rebuild their financial security.



## Organizations Connecting Low-Income Pennsylvanians to Benefits

### State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

**Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight**  
[www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/medicare-counseling](http://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/medicare-counseling)  
800-783-7067

**Area Agencies on Aging**  
[www.aging.pa.gov/local-resources](http://www.aging.pa.gov/local-resources)  
717-783-1550

### Benefits Enrollment Center

**Benefits Data Trust - PA Benefits Center**  
[www.bdtrust.org/pa-benefits-center](http://www.bdtrust.org/pa-benefits-center)  
833-373-5869

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national council on aging

[BenefitsCheckUp.org](http://BenefitsCheckUp.org)  
National Council on Aging  
800-794-6559

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