

Washington

196,819

Low-Income Washingtonians 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, 196,819 low-income older and disabled Washingtonians received assistance that can **help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.**

This federal funding supports Washington's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 13 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- 2 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.

Washingtonians in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- **115,819** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Washington received help with access to low-income benefits
- **81,000** Washingtonians used BenefitsCheckUp[®] to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- **357,955** Medicare beneficiaries in Washington 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)

Quan's Story

Quan, 68, was turned down for Medicare and told he would have to pay \$500 per month for the Medicare Part A and B premiums. Quan was confused and overwhelmed by the process and did not successfully apply for Medicare on his own. A benefits counselor screened him and found him eligible for a Medicare Savings Program to cover some of his costs. He applied and now is able to enjoy Medicare coverage.



Organizations Connecting Low-Income Washingtonians to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA)

insurance.wa.gov/about-oic/what-we-do/advocate-for-consumers/shiba/

800-562-6900

13 Area Agencies on Aging

washingtoncommunitylivingconnections.org/consite/connect

855-567-0252

Benefits Enrollment Centers

Chinese Information and Service Center

cisc-seattle.org

206-624-5633

National Asian Pacific Center on Aging

www.napca.org

800-336-2722

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800-794-6559

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