

Kentucky

142,522

Low-Income Kentuckians 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, 142,522 low-income older and disabled Kentuckians received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

This federal funding supports Kentucky's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 15 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.

Kentuckians in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

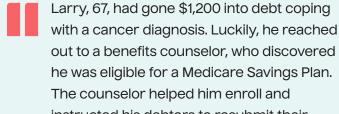
- 89,522 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Kentucky received help with access to low-income benefits
- 53,000 Kentuckians used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

 350,421 Medicare beneficiaries in Kentucky 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)

Larry's Story



The counselor helped him enroll and instructed his debtors to resubmit their claims for coverage. Larry was able to begin radiation treatment without fear of being denied service or coverage. "Y'all saved my life," Larry said. "I couldn't have done this by myself."



Organizations Connecting Low-Income Kentuckians to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program

www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dail/Pages/ship.aspx 877-293-7447

15 Area Agencies on Aging

www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dail/Pages/aaail.aspx 800-342-9871

Benefits Enrollment Center

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass

www.lablaw.org

859-431-8200

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

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Benefits outreach and enrollment works —but without this assistance lowincome Kentuckians on Medicare will be left behind, unable to afford basic health care.