Missouri

172,492
Low-Income Missourians 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, 172,492 low-income older and disabled Missourians received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

This federal funding supports Missouri’s:
• State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
• 10 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)

Missourians in Need Found Help...
Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:
• 114,492 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Missouri received help with access to low-income benefits
• 58,000 Missourians used BenefitsCheckUp®, to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out
• 395,096 Medicare beneficiaries in Missouri 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)

Funding also supports BenefitsCheckUp®, a free online screening and enrollment tool.
Joe’s Story

Joe lived on less than $1,000 per month. He applied for a Medicare Savings Program, but never heard whether he was approved. A benefits counselor called the state and discovered that Joe’s application had been missed. Recognizing the error, the agency turned on the benefits to help Joe with his Medicare Part B expenses and set them to be retroactive to the day he applied.

Organizations Connecting Low-Income Missourians to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Missouri State Health Insurance Assistance Program
missouriship.org
800-390-3330

10 Area Agencies on Aging
ma4web.org/find-local-agency/
800-235-5503

Benefits Enrollment Centers
Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging
www.ma4web.org
573-668-8824

Missouri Department of Insurance
insurance.mo.gov/index.php
573-751-4126

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