Michigan

168,160 People in Michigan 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, 168,160 low-income older and disabled people in Michigan received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

This federal funding supports Michigan’s:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 16 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.

Michigan Residents in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- 71,160 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Michigan received help with access to low-income benefits
- 97,000 people in Michigan used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

...But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

- 602,260 Medicare beneficiaries in Michigan 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)
Kate’s Story

Kate, age 75, had an income of just under $1,200 per month. She had a part-time job, but was unable to make ends meet. A benefits counselor helped Kate apply for the Medicare Savings Program and food benefits. She was approved for both, which put $209 back into her monthly budget. Kate now has the support she needs to afford health care and groceries.

Organizations Connecting Low-Income Michigan Residents to Benefits

Michigan Medicare Assistance Program
www.mmapinc.org
800-803-7174

16 Area Agencies on Aging
www.4ami.org/members
517-886-1029

Benefits Enrollment Center
Elder Law of Michigan
www.elderlawofmi.org
866-400-9165

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