341,567 People in Massachusetts 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, 341,567 low-income older and disabled people in Massachusetts received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

This federal funding supports Massachusetts’s:
- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 31 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)

Massachusetts Residents in Need Found Help...
Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:
- 265,567 Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Massachusetts received help with access to low-income benefits
- 76,000 people in Massachusetts used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with benefits online

... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out
- 416,261 Medicare beneficiaries in Massachusetts 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)
Karen’s Story

I work for a State Health Insurance Assistance Program, and the MIPPA funding is literally what keeps some of my clients going. Without this funding, some Medicare beneficiaries will need to make life-or-death decisions based on what they can afford… Medicare is far too complex for most beneficiaries to navigate on their own.

Organizations Connecting Low-Income Massachusetts Residents to Benefits

State Health Insurance Assistance Program
Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (SHINE)
www.mass.gov/health-insurance-counseling
800-243-4636

31 Area Agencies on Aging
caremassachusetts.org/list10_MA_Aging_Services_senior_centers.htm

Benefits Enrollment Center
LifePath
www.lifepathma.org
413-773-5555

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

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