

# Louisiana

# 112,198 Low-Income Louisianians Connected to Benefits in 2022-2023

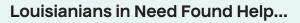
Thanks to federal funding that supports efforts to find and enroll low-income people on Medicare into benefits they are eligible for, 112,198 low-income older and disabled Louisianians received assistance that can help them to afford their prescription drugs and doctor visits.

### This federal funding supports Louisiana's:

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- 6 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)



Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

**Funding also supports** 

BenefitsCheckUp®, a

free online screening

and enrollment tool.

- **73,198** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Louisiana received help with access to low-income benefits
- **39,000** Louisianians used BenefitsCheckUp<sup>®</sup> to connect with benefits online

### ... But Far Too Many Are Still Missing Out

• **359,500** Medicare beneficiaries in Louisiana 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)

## Mr. & Mrs. David's Story

Mr. & Mrs. David lived on less than \$1,600 a month. The couple depended on a Medicare Savings Program and the Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy to help pay their health care premiums and co-pays. But when Mrs. David passed away, Mr. David was told the benefits were terminated. In grief and not sure what to do, he struggled on a reduced income for many months. Then he heard an ad for the state SHIP. He called and a counselor discovered what had happened. Mr. David was re-approved for the benefits and now has a little less stress in his life.



### **Organizations Connecting Low-Income Louisianians to Benefits**

### State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Senior Health Insurance Information Program www.ldi.la.gov/consumers/senior-health-shiip 800-259-5300

6 Area Agencies on Aging 225-342-7100

866-891-2210

### **Benefits Enrollment Center**

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans www.ccano.org **DECOCO** BenefitsCheckUp.org National Council on Aging 800-794-6559

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

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