

# 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)



Funding also supports BenefitsCheckUp®, a free online screening and enrollment tool.

### Louisianians in Need Found Help...

Thanks to previous federal funding, in 2022-2023:

- **73,198** Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers in Louisiana received help with access to low-income benefits
- **39,000** Louisianians used BenefitsCheckUp® 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.lidi.la.gov/consumers/senior-health-shiip](http://www.lidi.la.gov/consumers/senior-health-shiip)

800-259-5300

[6 Area Agencies on Aging](#)

225-342-7100

### Benefits Enrollment Center

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

[www.ccano.org](http://www.ccano.org)

866-891-2210

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[BenefitsCheckUp.org](http://BenefitsCheckUp.org)

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800-794-6559

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