

3 Great Programs 1 Helpful Resource!

The Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging (OHA) offers the services of: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and, Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA).

These services are available throughout Rhode Island. They Provide local Medicare education and assistance to Medicare eligible individuals, their families and caregivers.



If you need help with Medicare or are interested in becoming a SHIP/SMP Volunteer, please contact us!

Statewide - 1-888-884-8721

Visit our website: www.oha.ri.gov

To connect with a SHIP Counselor in your community, call:

- ◆ **Tri-County Community Action (North & South) - (401) 349-5760**
- ◆ **Westbay Community Action – (401) 921-5118**
- ◆ **The Point - (401) 462-4444**
- ◆ **Diocese of Providence - (401) 274-6783**
- ◆ **East Bay Community Action - (401) 435-7876**
- ◆ **Child & Family Services Newport County - (401) 848-4185**



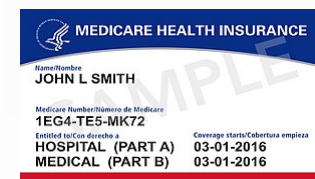
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Medicare Assistance, Options & Awareness



Local Medicare Help Serving Rhode Islanders Statewide





Navigating Medicare

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

SHIP is a federally funded, nation-wide program that offers free, objective, and local one-on-one Medicare counseling and assistance to Medicare eligible individuals, their families and caregivers.

WHAT WE DO

- ◆ Provide **unbiased** information to Medicare eligible individuals, their families, and caregivers about Medicare and related health insurance benefits.
- ◆ Help with enrolling in or changing Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D) or Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C).
- ◆ We cannot sell anything—we provide **free** and individualized information about your Medicare options.
- ◆ We offer presentations at Senior Centers, Health Fairs, agencies and many other outreach events.



Preventing Medicare Fraud

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) is a national program for people with Medicare of all ages. SMP is administered by the Administration for Community Living.

PROTECT yourself against Medicare fraud

Protecting your personal information is your best defense against health care fraud and abuse.

DETECT potential fraud, errors, and abuse

Knowing how to spot suspicious activity can help you stop health care fraud and abuse in its tracks.

REPORT suspected fraud, errors, and abuse

If you suspect you have been a target of fraud, report it. This will help you and others at risk for health care scams.

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SHIP and SMP are volunteer based programs. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to learn about Medicare and assist other Medicare beneficiaries, please contact us!



Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act (MIPPA)

MIPPA is a federally funded program that provides information and application assistance to low-income Medicare eligible individuals who may qualify for cost saving programs and provides outreach to promote wellness and disease prevention.

Two valuable programs that MIPPA can assist with are:

- ◆ **Low Income Subsidy (LIS)** - The LIS program, also known as "Extra Help", provides assistance to Medicare Part D beneficiaries in paying for their monthly prescription drug costs.
- ◆ **Medicare Savings Programs (MSP)** - These benefits, available through the state Medicaid agency, help beneficiaries with low incomes pay for their Medicare costs.