## 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 assistance with applying for programs that help with your Medicare costs.

Get Medicare information and assistance for Medicare eligible individuals, their families and caregivers. These services are available throughout Rhode Island.

## If you need help with Medicare contact us!

**Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging –**
**1-888-884-8721**

**Visit our website: oha.ri.gov**

**Or contact a local SHIP agency:**

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| **Aging Well** | 401-766-3734 |
| **East Bay Community Action Agency** | 401-435-7876 |
| **Edward King House** | 401-846-7426 |
| **Johnston Senior Center** | 401-944-3343 |
| **Leon Mathieu Senior Center** | 401-728-7582 |
| **Progreso Latino** | 401-728-5920 |
| **South Kingstown Senior Center** | 401-789-0268 |
| **The Aging & Disability Resource Center** | 401-462-4444 |
| **Westerly Senior Center** | 401-596-2404 |

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# Medicare Information, Assistance & Awareness

Local Medicare Help Servicing Rhode Islanders Statewide

SHIP State Health Insurance Assistance Program
Navigating Medicare

SMP Senior Medicare Patrol
Preventing Medicare Fraud

## Local Help Navigating Medicare

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Counselors provide, free, unbiased help with Medicare questions, plan selection, and enrollment support.

A certified Counselor will give you one-on-one guidance based on your unique situation and needs, including:

- Understanding your Medicare options
- Medicare plan comparisons and enrollment
- Medicare troubleshooting billing issues and appeals
- Screening for assistance for Medicare prescriptions and premiums
- Referral to other resources

SHIP
State Health Insurance Assistance Program
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## Protect Yourself & Medicare

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) program empowers and assists Medicare beneficiaries to prevent health care fraud, errors, and abuse.

**PREVENT Medicare fraud to protect yourself.**

Treat your Medicare and Social Security numbers like your credit cards. Never give these numbers to anyone you do not know.

**DETECT possible fraud, errors, and abuse**

Review your Medicare statements for mistakes by comparing them to your personal records.

**REPORT suspected fraud, errors, and abuse**

If you think you have been a target of fraud, report it.

You can learn to prevent, detect, and report Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse by contacting Rhode Island SMP.

SMP
Senior Medicare Patrol
Preventing Medicare Fraud

## Save Money on Medicare Costs

If you have Medicare and need help paying your bills, there are programs that may be able to help you.

- **Extra Help Program** helps you pay for your prescriptions drug costs and coverage.
- **Medicare Savings Program** helps pay some Medicare costs for health care, including Medicare Part B premiums.

We also educate beneficiaries on:

- **Medicare Preventive Services** that are available to all Medicare beneficiaries and cover many preventive health services such as immunizations, screenings, and annual “Wellness” visits.

*Trained volunteers provide unbiased support to Medicare beneficiaries and their families so they can make informed decisions about their care and benefits. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at 1-888-884-8721.*