

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!

Statewide - 1-888-884-8721

Visit our website: oha.ri.gov

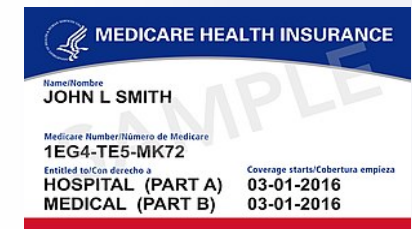
Or contact a local SHIP agency:

Tri-County Community Action Agency - North	401-349-5760
Johnston Senior Center	401-944-3343
Westbay Community Action Agency	401-732-4660
South Kingstown Senior Center	401-789-0268
Westerly Senior Center	401-596-2404
The POINT	401-462-4444
East Bay Community Action Agency	401-435-7876
Leon Mathieu Senior Center	401-728-7582
Progreso Latino	401-728-5920
Child & Family Services of Newport County	401-848-4185
Edward King House	401-846-7426

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Medicare Information, Assistance & Awareness



Local Medicare Help Servicing Rhode Islanders Statewide



Navigating Medicare

Preventing Medicare Fraud

Local Help Navigating Medicare

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Counselors provide, free, unbiased help to 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



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.



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 Programs** help pay some Medicare costs for health care, including Medicare Part B premiums.

We also educate beneficiaries on:

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



Trained volunteers provided 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.