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Benefits University: Understanding the “terms of art” of applications

What’s the difference between earned and unearned income? Does a person’s car count as an asset? What documentation is needed to prove eligibility for a program? Our Jan. 28 webinar—intended especially for new counselors—walks through the common terminology and rules associated with benefits applications, considerations for special populations, and how to get more answers to your (and your clients’) questions about program eligibility rules.

[Register for the webinar](#)

Visualizing LIS eligibility

We’ve recently updated our map that examines unmet need related to enrollment in the Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS). The new county-level visualization helps counselors understand which counties in their states have the highest percentage of Medicare beneficiaries likely eligible but not enrolled in LIS, so they can target their outreach efforts in these areas.

[Access the map](#) | [Find other visualization tools](#)

We're moving!

NCOA's headquarters are moving to Arlington, VA on Jan. 12. Our phone numbers and physical mailing address will change; emails and websites remain the same.

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LIS data-sharing pilot helps increase senior SNAP enrollment

In 2010, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service launched a pilot in three states to test whether sharing LIS data with state agencies would increase seniors’ enrollment into the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). A new evaluation report reveals that the pilot had positive effects on SNAP applications and approvals, however, these effects varied widely across the states.

[Read the report](#)

Register...

Find New Volunteers in the New Year, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. ET—Join the National Association of States United for Aging and Disability (NASUAD) for this webinar with resources for growing your volunteer base. Use the link above to access the visual webinar and call 888-346-3659, passcode: 33688 for the audio component.

Don't miss these resources...

Simultaneous LIS & MSP Applications—Download our fact sheet explaining the importance and benefit of submitting applications for LIS at the same time as applications for Medicare Savings Programs.

Senior SNAP Enrollment—Watch one of our partners, Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, explain the importance of helping low-income seniors receive food assistance.

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