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## **ACL Awards \$48 Million to State Health Insurance Assistance Programs**

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is pleased to announce that it has awarded up to \$48 million in one-year grants for the State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP). Local SHIP offices provide free, in-depth counseling, education, and outreach to assist Medicare beneficiaries with their Medicare related questions. SHIPs provide assistance to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, friends, and caregivers.

SHIPs assist people in obtaining coverage through the Original Medicare program, Medicare Advantage (Part C) Plans, Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) Plans, and/or programs designed to help people with limited incomes pay for their health care, such as Medicaid, the Medicare Savings Program, and the Low Income Subsidy. Awards were made to each of the 50 states, DC, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

More information on the SHIP program is available [here](#). Find the SHIP program in your area [here](#).

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