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**Updated for 2015! Benefits 101 fact sheets and slides**

Need a basic grasp of the core benefits programs for low-income Medicare beneficiaries? We've updated our Benefits 101 fact sheets for 2015. Each fact sheet provides an overview of the benefit, how eligibility is determined, how the benefit works with other programs, and how to help your clients apply. Accompanying PowerPoint presentations can be downloaded and adapted to use in your local training sessions. Stay tuned; new recordings of the 101 webinars will be posted soon!

**[Find our Benefits 101 tools](#)**

**Going to Aging in America? Attend our sessions**

Next week is the 2015 Aging in America conference in Chicago, where NCOA will host several workshops/panel discussions related to benefits and senior economic security. If you're planning on attending, check out our sessions and say hello to Center staff!

**[Explore our conference sessions](#)**

**March is National Nutrition Month!**

Now is the perfect opportunity to assist older adults to eat well as they age. Help seniors find and apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to stretch their food budget. Also check out our infographic, videos, and other tools that highlight ways to boost older adults' nutrition.

**[Get SNAP applications and info](#) | [Discover nutrition resources](#)**

**Medicare coverage for colorectal cancer screening**

March is also Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Medicare Part B covers several types of colorectal cancer screening tests to identify precancerous growths or find cancer early. These tests are among a suite of preventive services we highlighted in last month's webinar on helping clients to stay healthy with Medicare.

[Learn about Part B colorectal screening coverage](#) | [Access our February webinar](#)

***Attend...***

[National Medicare Education Program Web Meeting](#), March 26 at 1:00 p.m. ET—Join the folks at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to learn what's new with Medicare.

***Did you miss this?***

[Core Benefits Cheat Sheet](#)—Download our quick guide to eligibility, administration, and delivery of core benefits for low-income Medicare beneficiaries.

[Streamlining Access to the Medicare Savings Programs](#)—Read our fact sheet outlining the different mechanisms states can take to boost enrollment into the MSPs.

[Best Practices for Online SNAP Applications](#)—Learn how states can improve the online application process in this report from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.

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