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MSP & LIS eligibility charts updated with 2015 poverty info

Last week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the federal poverty guidelines for 2015. These guidelines are used to determine financial eligibility for a range of government programs. Following additional information from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), we've updated our charts and fact sheets on eligibility for Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) and the Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS) in 2015.

[See the poverty guidelines](#) | [Get the MSP eligibility chart](#) | [Find LIS eligibility](#)

Webinar: Help your clients with Medicare stay healthy

Medicare pays for a variety of preventive services to help beneficiaries stay healthy. But do your clients understand which services are free and when they might have to pay? Our Feb. 26 webinar will look at the spectrum of preventive screenings and services provided under Part B, and answer common questions about what is and is not covered. We'll also share how you can connect with chronic disease programs to help your clients manage their conditions.

[Register for the webinar](#)

HHS releases \$300 million in LIHEAP funds

On Jan. 21, HHS announced it released \$300 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to all LIHEAP grantees with complete plans for federal Fiscal Year 2015. An additional \$2.4 million is allocated for federal training and technical assistance to grantees.

Today's awards represent the second release of funding to-date for FY 2015. HHS previously awarded \$3.05 billion in October 2014, for a total of \$3.35 billion year-to-date.

[Learn more](#)

Help for older people re-entering society after incarceration

Over a quarter million prisoners in the U.S. are over age 50, and each year, thousands of older adults are released from incarceration. Under their Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) plans, several states are targeting the Medicare-eligible population with education about Medicare services and benefits. Our new consumer fact sheet explains how enrollment into Social Security, Medicare, and other programs works for individuals leaving incarceration.

[Download the fact sheet](#) | [Get more info on this population](#)

Did you miss this?

Enrollment and Retention Flexibilities to Better Serve Medicare-Eligible Medicaid Enrollees—Read this memo from CMS which encourages states to use current flexibilities to improve enrollment in MSPs.

MIPPA IV at a Glance—Find out the types of activities and partnerships states have planned for the latest round of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) funding.

Apply for SNAP Grants—Learn how community organizations can apply for funding to help low-income seniors enroll in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Social Security to Expand Field Offices Nationwide—Find the new hours in this press release.

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