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## SSA leads data: State survey findings

Since the passage of MIPPA, data from the Extra Help application is automatically sent from Social Security to state Medicaid agencies to trigger a Medicare Savings Program application. Our survey findings show that what happens next varies significantly by state.

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## **MIPPA outreach: Find examples from other states**

States have designed a variety of materials to help educate Medicare beneficiaries about Medicare cost savings and preventive services as part of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA). We have uploaded sample flyers, postcards, prescription pads, and more in our resource library to give you ideas about what might work in your community.

[Find outreach materials](#)

## **“Dropping off” referrals to the BEC**

The Duke University Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) found a creative way to get referrals from low-income Medicare beneficiaries who are homebound or unable to visit the BEC in person. A system of drop-off boxes in community locations allows their target population to submit a short form and seek more information and screening from the BEC.

[See what they did](#)

## **Straight Talk for Seniors®: Get news and policy updates**

There are a lot of questions being raised about what to expect from the new Administration and Congress with regard to the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Older Americans Act. Learn what is known—and not yet known—about possible threats to these programs and about the federal budget process in NCOA’s Straight Talk for Seniors® blog.

[Get the facts](#)

## **3 scams your clients need to know about**

Don’t let your clients become among the millions of Americans who fall prey to financial exploitation each year. Here are tips to keep you up-to-date on three scams that are making the rounds right now—from deceptive mailings to tax scams to Medicare fraud.

## Share these scenarios

### *Did you miss these resources?*

- **Extra Help “Cheat Sheet”**: Discover what always, never, and sometimes counts for income and assets under the Part D Low Income Subsidy.
- **Medicare & Medicaid Home Health Care**: The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services has finalized a rule around home health care that offers new protections for beneficiaries.

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