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## Benefits 101: Facts for counselors

Want a basic overview of eligibility and administration of core benefits for low-income Medicare beneficiaries? Check out our updated Benefits 101 fact sheets.

[Check them out](#)

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### **New resource guides to Medicare & DME**

Medicare has specific rules for how it covers durable medical equipment (DME), and where beneficiaries can obtain DME. Our friends at the Medicare Rights Center have developed a suite of tools for us—including fact sheets and slide presentations for consumers and professionals—to help you understand these rules and educate your clients.

[Find the resources](#)

### **Straight Talk for Seniors®: Medicaid**

How does Medicaid serve older adults, and how is the program currently funded? What are the pros and cons related to current proposals to change Medicaid? Our latest blog post provides the answers to these questions and more.

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**Check out our promising practices  
clearinghouse**

In the past month, we've added several new promising practices to our clearinghouse of successful strategies in benefits outreach and enrollment. Recent additions include descriptions of writing "prescriptions" for benefits, targeting outreach through native-language radio, building trust through peer-to-peer volunteers, and setting up community drop boxes for self-referrals.

### [Explore the clearinghouse](#)

#### *Did you miss these?*

- **Extra Help 2017 Eligibility Chart:** Download our eligibility table for the Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS/Extra Help) for 2017 following the release of the new federal poverty guidelines and an earlier resource memo from CMS.
- **A losing proposition? Drawing Social Security early to get benefits:** Read our blog post on how to help clients who may be asked to draw early retirement in order to apply for benefits.
- **Born in 1952? A Complete Guide to Enrolling in Medicare:** Share our advice with baby boomers aging in Medicare about their enrollment decisions at age 65.
- **We're on a Mission to 10 Million:** Read how your work is helping NCOA meet its goal of improving the lives of millions of older adults.

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