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## Get the core benefits cheat sheet

Our quick guide to the eligibility, administration, and funding of core benefits is back and updated for 2017. Get an easy-to-understand overview of the programs available to low-income people with Medicare.

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*March 15, 2017*

### **CMS offers equitable relief for certain people with Part A & Marketplace coverage**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering equitable relief to certain Medicare beneficiaries currently enrolled in Medicare Part A and coverage through the individual Marketplace. This equitable relief provides eligible individuals an opportunity to enroll in Medicare Part B without penalty. Further, CMS is offering equitable relief to eligible individuals who were dually enrolled in Medicare Part A and coverage through the Marketplace and subsequently enrolled in Medicare Part B with a late enrollment penalty. This opportunity is available now and ends Sept. 30, 2017.

[Learn more](#)

### **The Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP):**

## Get our guide; attend our webinar

ESAP is a collection of policy and process changes that can dramatically streamline enrollment of low-income seniors and persons with disabilities into the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). NCOA and Benefits Data Trust recently collaborated to produce an advocate's guide that educates state-based aging and anti-hunger advocates about ESAP and suggests ways they can engage their state agency leaders to consider implementing ESAPs. Join us on April 6 as we host a webinar that walks through the guide and how your organization can advocate for the demonstration in your state.

[Get the guide](#) | [Register for the webinar](#)

## Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs) lessons and tools

We recently published a lessons learned report about our fourth cohort of BECs, looking at promising practices in enrolling new beneficiaries into benefits, and obstacles to reaching individuals isolated by language and geography. We've also updated the BEC toolkit, which provides everything your organization needs to implement the BEC approach.

[Read the report](#) | [Access the toolkit](#)

## See how easy it is to use the new BenefitsCheckUp®

More than 5 million older adults have used BenefitsCheckUp® to connect with over \$18 billion in assistance. Read about the latest improvements, take a video tour of the new site, and use BenefitsCheckUp® as a tool in your efforts to help seniors identify benefits.

[Learn more](#) | [Watch the video](#)

### *Did you miss these?*

- **Hospital Transitions:** Access the slides, recording, and follow-up

- questions and answers from our February webinar presented by the Medicare Rights Center.
- **Benefits 101:** Check out our updated Benefits 101 fact sheets that outline eligibility and administration of core benefits for low-income Medicare beneficiaries.
- **New resources for Medicare & durable medical equipment:** Our friends at the Medicare Rights Center have developed a suite of fact sheets and slide presentations for consumers and professionals to help you understand DME rules.

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