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## Medicare Savings Program enrollment data, 2007-2014

How many people with Medicare get help from Medicare Savings Programs or Medicaid in your state or county? Use our new visualization tool to find out.

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### Find sample MSP outreach materials

The release of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) data on enrollment in the Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs; see visualization tool link above) enables counselors to see where their outreach efforts have been successful. But there are plenty more low-income beneficiaries who are missing out on these savings. Our resource library features sample MSP outreach materials that you can tailor to your community.

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### Webinar: Current trends in benefits access

The year 2015 has witnessed numerous policy changes and program updates that have positive and negative impacts on economically insecure households. Join us on Dec. 15 for a webinar synthesizing what's been happening and what may be in store in 2016. We'll look at enrollment

trends, funding resources, and highlight innovative strategies for getting more low-income beneficiaries into benefits.

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## Getting to know the Part D transition policy

The Medicare Part D transition policy exists to help new enrollees get immediate access to prescription drugs within 90 days of enrollment for non-formulary drugs and medications with utilization management requirements. Our fact sheet explains this policy in more detail, including how new enrollees get their medication supply, what drugs it applies to, and costs for beneficiaries in 2016.

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## NCOA is hiring for our BenefitsCheckUp® team

NCOA has two positions open to support our online benefits screening tool, BenefitsCheckUp.org. The Benefits Program Specialist is responsible for researching the eligibility rules of a wide variety of federal, state, and local benefits and updating our national database. The Technical Product Manager will play a central role in the development of web-based decision support tools and acts as the liaison between business, technology, and user experience for the BenefitsCheckUp® suite of products.

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## 2016 LIHEAP funds released

On Oct. 23, the Administration for Children & Families released approximately \$3 billion in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds. This represented 90% of the full year funding available under the FY 2016 Continuing Resolution. The remaining monies will be released once FY 2016 funding is finalized.

[View the state funding table](#)

### *Check out these resources...*

- **A Video Introduction to the Medicare Plan Finder:** Share this brief video developed for CMS that explains how people can go online to explore their Medicare coverage options.
- **Medicare Enrollment Calendar:** Download this calendar for a quick reference to all of the different enrollment and disenrollment periods for people with Medicare.

- **Marketplace Affordability Snapshot:** See what the average costs will be for consumers purchasing insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplaces in 2016.
- We're still waiting to hear from CMS about the final costs for Medicare Parts A & B in 2016. With no Social Security cost of living adjustment, most beneficiaries will pay the same Part B premiums (\$104.90/month) as this year, though roughly 30% of beneficiaries may pay more (those new to Medicare and with higher incomes); the Part B deductible is estimated to rise to \$167. We'll keep you posted as soon as we know more!

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