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Medicare for state employees & retirees

Roughly 20 million people in the U. S. work for state or local governments. Learn which of these employees are eligible for Medicare, and how to help them with enrollment in our updated fact sheet.

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5 questions & answers about disability benefits

Last month, Benefits.gov hosted a Facebook question and answer (Q&A) session for citizens about disability benefits. Now they've compiled the five most common questions into a handy resource page, with links to further information, screening tools, and application assistance.

[Read the Q&A](#)

Meeting the needs of low-income LGBT seniors

Older LGBT individuals face an array of unique legal needs when encountering poverty and discrimination. Justice in Aging, in partnership with Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Elders (SAGE), has released a special

report and accompanying video that highlight these needs.

[Read the report](#) | [Watch the video](#)

House subcommittee maintains SHIP funding

In early July, the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee approved its FY17 funding bill. In stark contrast to the Senate, which proposed to eliminate funding for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), the House bill maintains funding levels for SHIPs and increases funding for many Older Americans Act programs.

[See where things stand](#)

Participate...

- **Student Loan Debt Collection and Seniors**, July 28 at 2 p.m. ET—Join The National Consumer Law Center, Justice in Aging, and the Center for Elder Rights Advocacy as they present a webinar regarding how to advise clients who are facing garnishment of Social Security benefits due to student loan debt.

Did you miss this?

- **An end to stigma**: Read our report on how benefits counselors can combat stigma and help more eligible seniors enroll in benefits.
- **Combining efforts to find benefits for seniors**: Discover how one AAA in South Carolina leveraged different funding streams to combine media, outreach, and screening efforts that reached more seniors missing out on benefits.
- **Medicare savings for American Indians**: Download our consumer fact sheet about eligibility for the Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Programs for American Indians.
- **When I'm 65: Lessons from transitioning into retirement**: Share these common scenarios about decision-making when aging into Medicare.

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