

## Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 provided funding for beneficiary outreach for State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (GeorgiaCares), Aging and Disability Resource Connection programs and Area Agencies on Aging. The outreach focus is on reaching people likely to be eligible for the Low Income Subsidy program, Medicare Savings Programs, Medicare Part D and on assisting beneficiaries in applying for these benefits.

Over 48,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Georgia are likely eligible for receiving extra help with prescription drug costs.

Georgia's Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) is a "one-stop-shop" for information and assistance related to publicly and privately financed long term supports and services for individuals and family members who are aging or living with a disability.

GeorgiaCares provides free, unbiased and factual information and assistance regarding Medicare, Medicaid and other related health insurance issues, including long term care insurance, prescription drug assistance programs and Medicare fraud, error and abuse.

ADRC and GeorgiaCares are administered by the Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Aging Services.

**For more information call:**  
**1-800-669-8387 or**  
**1-866-55-Aging**



*Local Help for People with Medicare*

# Helping People with Medicare Reduce Out of Pocket Costs

If you have Medicare, you may qualify for financial assistance programs such as Medicare Savings Programs and Low Income Subsidy. Medicare Part D is also an option for reducing prescription drug costs.

## Medicare Savings Programs

Medicare Savings Programs help people with limited income and resources pay out of pocket Medicare expenses such as: premiums, deductibles and co-payments. The help they get from the Medicare Savings Programs can save them over \$1,100 per year.

## Medicare Part D

Medicare offers prescription drug coverage (Part D) for everyone with Medicare. To get Medicare drug coverage, you must join a plan run by an insurance company approved by Medicare. Each plan can vary in cost and drugs covered. If you want Medicare drug coverage, you need to choose a plan that best meets your healthcare needs. We can help.

## Low Income Subsidy

Extra savings with prescription drug costs are available for people with limited income and resources. Low Income Subsidy will pay for all or most of the Part D monthly premiums and annual deductibles and lower prescription co-payments. The extra help could be worth up to \$3,600 per year.

Nearly 10% of Georgia's Medicare population are without some form of prescription drug coverage.

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