

## Keeping Medicare Affordable in Indiana

Every day, the [Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act](#) (MIPPA) helps people with Medicare afford their prescriptions, premiums, and doctor visits.

### Who MIPPA Helps in Indiana

**239,198** Medicare beneficiaries connected to benefits

**364,648** Medicare beneficiaries living at or below \$22,500  
(150% of the federal poverty level)



#### Julia's Story

Julia has lived with Klippel-Feil syndrome all her life. As she aged, she developed scoliosis and restrictive lung disease, requiring her to be on oxygen and a ventilator. Unable to work, she was in danger of losing her business and being forced into a long-term care facility. Staff at The League helped Julia get support to remain at home. They helped her enroll in the Medicare Savings Program and Extra Help to reduce her health costs. She received the CHOICE waiver, allowing her to get homemaker services and meal delivery. Today, Julia's health has improved, and she is thrilled to have her independence.

### What MIPPA Does

-  Connects eligible individuals to benefits like the Medicare Savings Program and Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy, which help pay for prescription drugs, premiums, and copays
-  Promotes preventive health services and screenings
-  Keeps older adults healthy and out of hospitals

## Potential Medicare Savings through MIPPA

One of the main components of MIPPA is to connect eligible Medicare Beneficiaries to programs to help them afford prescription drugs through Medicare Part D. Research shows that having prescription drug coverage through Medicare Part D could reduce hospitalization rates by 7%.<sup>1</sup> With an average Medicare hospital stay costing \$14,700,<sup>2</sup> connecting individuals to prescription drug coverage could create significant health care savings for both the patient and the government.

## How MIPPA is Delivered in Indiana

- 1 [State Health Insurance Assistance Program](#)
- 16 [Area Agencies on Aging](#)
- 1 [Benefits Enrollment Center](#)

League for the Blind & Disabled, Inc.



## Learn More



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<sup>1</sup> Data from 10/1/23 to 9/30/24 from SHIP Tracking and Reporting System and BenefitsCheckUp

<sup>1</sup> Afendulis CC, He Y, Zaslavsky AM, Chernew ME. The impact of Medicare Part D on hospitalization rates. *Health Serv Res*. 2011 Aug;46(4):1022-38. doi: 10.1111/j.1475-6773.2011.01244.x. Epub 2011 Feb 9. PMID: 21306369; PMCID: PMC3165176.

<sup>2</sup> Moore BJ, Liang L. Medicare Advantage Versus the Traditional Medicare Program: Costs of Inpatient Stays, 2009–2017. 2020 Aug 4. In: *Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) Statistical Briefs [Internet]*. Rockville (MD): Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (US); 2006 Feb-. Statistical Brief #262.