

California Department of Aging

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)

Program Code - 3905300

Description

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) helps Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Programs (HICAP), and Aging and Disability Resource Connections (ADRC) reach and assist Medicare beneficiaries who need help paying for prescription drug coverage and other out-of-pocket costs related to Medicare.

Benefits

MIPPA helps participating agencies to:

- Expand outreach and enrollment efforts related to the federal Prescription Drug Benefit Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) Program and California's Medicare Savings Program (MSP); and
- Expand outreach and education activities related to Medicare's disease prevention and wellness benefits.

These services are provided free of charge.

Eligibility

<i>Income</i>	No requirements.
<i>Age</i>	Outreach and enrollment assistance is provided for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals age 65 or older on Medicare.• Individuals younger than age 65 with a disability and on Medicare.• Individuals close to eligibility for Medicare and at least age 60.
<i>Other</i>	N/A.

Access

Each participating agency conducts its own local outreach through public service announcements, fliers, articles, health fairs, presentations, social media, and other means. This outreach includes information telling Medicare recipients how to contact the agency for assistance related to LIS, MSP, and Medicare Part D. In addition, Medicare recipients can reach HICAPs through the statewide HICAP toll-free telephone number at **1-800-434-0222**.

Current State Fiscal Year Funding Information (2015-16)

<i>Source</i>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living.
<i>Allocation Formula</i>	Funding is distributed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To participating AAAs according to the Intrastate Funding Formula.• To participating HICAPs according to standard HICAP factors (50 percent of the allocation is equally divided, and 50 percent is allocated based on the proportional share of Medicare beneficiaries).• To participating ADRCs according to the number of Medicare beneficiaries in each ADRC's service area.
<i>Other Funding Information</i>	N/A.
<i>Match Requirements</i>	N/A.
<i>Funding Cycle</i>	September 30 – September 29.