

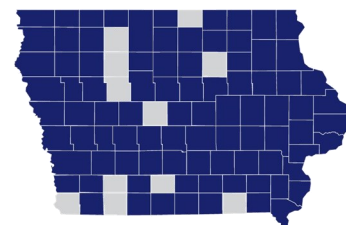
How does SHIIP/SMP Work for Iowans?



The Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) is a free, objective and confidential service offered through the state of Iowa to help people sort through confusing information about Medicare and determine eligibility for financial assistance or benefits.

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) provides community education, prevention and intervention services to protect seniors from Medicare errors, abuse and fraud and help to safeguard Medicare resources.

The SHIIP/SMP network of more than 300 volunteer counselors provide personal one-on-one services at 116 local sponsor sites within 88 counties across the state.



Every year, SHIIP/SMP volunteer counselors help more than 48,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Iowa save *millions* in unnecessary prescription and health care expenses.



Iowa is recognized as one of the top 5 performing SHIIP programs in the nation, and has been successfully supporting Iowans for more than three decades.



"Our SHIIP counselor was very knowledgeable, very patient and very helpful. Quite honestly, we couldn't have made our decisions without her help in explaining the plans."



SHIIP / SMP offers free, objective, confidential services to help Iowans understand Medicare options.

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