Congressional support is needed to preserve the nation's State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) by opposing the Administration's budget proposal for the remainder of 2017 fiscal year, which would eliminate nearly all funding for this program.

### What SHIP Does...
Michigan’s SHIP, called the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) provides local, in-depth, health insurance counseling and assistance to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers.

The Senior Resources MMAP program serves your area.

### Why SHIP Is Cost Effective...

| Federal SHIP funding provided services to 6,275 beneficiaries | 4,178 hours spent by 47 trained volunteers and in-kind paid staff provided counseling and outreach | 1 in every 22 beneficiaries in service area used services |

Here's how the Senior Resources MMAP Program supported Medicare beneficiaries in 2016

Work valued at $96,000*

### What Beneficiaries Will Lose...
- **Free help during Medicare Open Enrollment!**
- Access to free, unbiased, personalized Medicare or Medicaid counseling services.
- Quality of health insurance counseling one on one, face to face education and assistance with savings, issues or concerns to review or apply for benefits.
- No longer have an advocate for loss of benefits, appeals, Long Term Care Nursing Home, Medicare or Medicaid fraud.

### What Can You Do...
- Contact your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative to tell them State Health Insurance Programs are needed.
- Tell them how you or a loved one have benefited from the services MMAP provides.
- **Call Congressman Huizenga at (616) 414-5516 Grand Haven office or (202) 225-4401 Washington DC office**
- Tell Congressman Huizenga that the MMAP/SHIP program helped you and it needs to stay.

Budget decisions will be made soon. Don’t hesitate! Let your voice be heard.

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*Based on the 2016 Michigan Volunteer rate