

# Your State Health Insurance Program Needs Your Help!

## Help Protect Funding for Supporting Medicare/Medicaid Beneficiaries

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...

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

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

Work valued at

**\$96,000\***

**1**

in every

**22**

beneficiaries in service  
area used services

### 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.**