



Area Agency on Aging of Dane County

MIPPA Program Overview

The Area Agency on Aging of Dane County applied for and was awarded a grant from the State to conduct Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) outreach. The Area Agency on Aging of Dane County serves individuals who are age 60 and over and/or their family members by providing information and assistance in accessing services that will help older adults stay in their own homes and communities.

Through the contracted MIPPA Program Specialist, there will be efforts to intensify outreach and assistance activities to senior adults who may be eligible for programs that could reduce their Medicare costs and prescription costs via:

- **Medicare Savings Program (MSP)** - Help seniors with limited incomes and assets pay for some or all of Medicare's premiums, deductibles and co-payments.
- **Extra Help/Low Income Subsidy (LIS)** – Assist seniors with limited incomes and assets pay their Medicare Part D premiums, deductibles and co-payments.
- **SeniorCare Level 1 (SC1)** – Wisconsin's prescription drug program for people age 65 and older. There is no monthly premium and the deductible amount is based on the person's income. Assets are not counted. People with lower incomes often find SeniorCare to be more affordable than other Medicare drug plans.

The MIPPA Program further provides education, outreach, and assistance to professionals providing services to beneficiaries in rural areas. Outreach activities will also take place county-wide for beneficiaries aimed at Medicare Preventive Services. These outreach activities include an educational component relating to the evidence-based Health Promotion Classes available to senior adults in Dane County.

- **Medicare Preventive Services** – Starting in 2011 Medicare began covering more preventive services and screenings – all at low or no cost. Preventive health care focuses on preventing disease and maintaining proper health which will allow beneficiaries to live a longer, healthier life.
- **Health Promotion** – Educational programs designed for senior adults which have been researched and proven effective to help individuals manage their own health and improve their quality of life. Topics include fall prevention, managing chronic health conditions, living with diabetes and other wellness topics.