



# New York State Medicare Savings Coalition

## **Mission:**

- Identify and eliminate the systemic barriers that limit access to affordable healthcare programs and benefits for older adults and people with disabilities.

## **Vision:**

- Ensure that eligible people with Medicare in New York understand and are enrolled in programs that help pay for costs related to Medicare including the Medicare Savings Programs, Medicare Buy-In, Extra Help, EPIC, and/or the New York State Prescription Saver Card.

## **Objectives:**

- To increase enrollment in programs for low-income individuals with Medicare by
  - identifying barriers to automatic enrollment;
  - streamlining the various application and re-certification processes;
  - heightening awareness of low-income programs and their value; and
  - increasing access to benefit applications.
- Legislative advocacy in support of policies that help older adults and people with disabilities afford quality health coverage.
- Exchange of best practices among all Coalition members.
- Increased communication and data sharing among various local, state, and federal health-related government agencies.
- Continuous information-sharing and communication between government agencies and non-governmental groups/organizations.

## **Members:**

- A broad and diverse coalition of interests, agencies, and perspectives, including
  - federal, state, and local government officials, from:
    - New York State Department of Health
    - New York State EPIC
    - CMS Region 2
    - SSA Region 2
    - County HIICAP offices (SHIP)
  - business, labor, and insurance interests;
  - community-based organizations & faith-based communities representing both urban and rural communities.