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Dear SHIP Counselors,

Open Enrollment is just around the corner! In addition to assisting older adults in signing up for Medicare, Open Enrollment is also a great opportunity to promote other programs, resources, and benefits that can improve the older adults' quality of life. We hope that this newsletter provides some helpful resources in continuing to serve older adults while navigating an ever-changing pandemic landscape.



GETTING READY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT

[Counseling Tips](#) - Medicare's Open Enrollment Period (September 2021)
[Click here](#) for the Spanish translation.

Check out the [SHIP TA Center](#) to keep up with news, events, and useful resources!



Consider Cross-Program Promotion Opportunities

Open enrollment can be utilized as an opportunity to promote other programs that are provided at your agency.

- Reach out to community leaders who provide evidence-based programs to exchange flyers and resources
- Put together a folder with information and resources for the clients who are assisted during open enrollment
- Promote MSP and LIS benefits:
 - [How to Partner with Libraries for MIPPA Outreach](#)
 - [Sample MIPPA Outreach Materials](#)
 - [Benefits Outreach to Underserved Populations: Best Practices](#)
- Use the data you have on hand to target individuals who are approaching Medicare eligibility or may want to change their plan
- Check out the [SHIP Covid-19 Toolkit](#) for ACL Grantees for ideas and resources
- Navigate to the [NCOA Resource Center for Professionals](#) for a wealth of helpful information



EVENTS

Featured Event:

Getting ready for Open Enrollment: Navigating Medicare Policy and Medicare Plan Finder

Tune in on October 13th, 2021 to hear in-depth clarifications on Medicare policy as well as Medicare Plan finder guidance. [Click here](#) to register.



Save the Date: SHIP Conference 2021 October 5th & 7th

Upcoming:

AIRS Conference Virtually Yours: Frontline Edition

The AIRS Conference for frontline workers will take place between October 12th-14th and will focus on professional and personal development, database curation, and service delivery. Your registration will include the symposium on October 6th titled "Check Your Blindspot: A Masterclass on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging." Late Registration is open through September 30th! [Click here](#) to register.

Past Events:

2021 CMS National Training Program Virtual Workshops

This series of virtual workshops is an excellent resource to help you prepare for Open Enrollment. See the full catalog below. Access the recordings [here](#).

Welcome to Medicare Virtual Fair

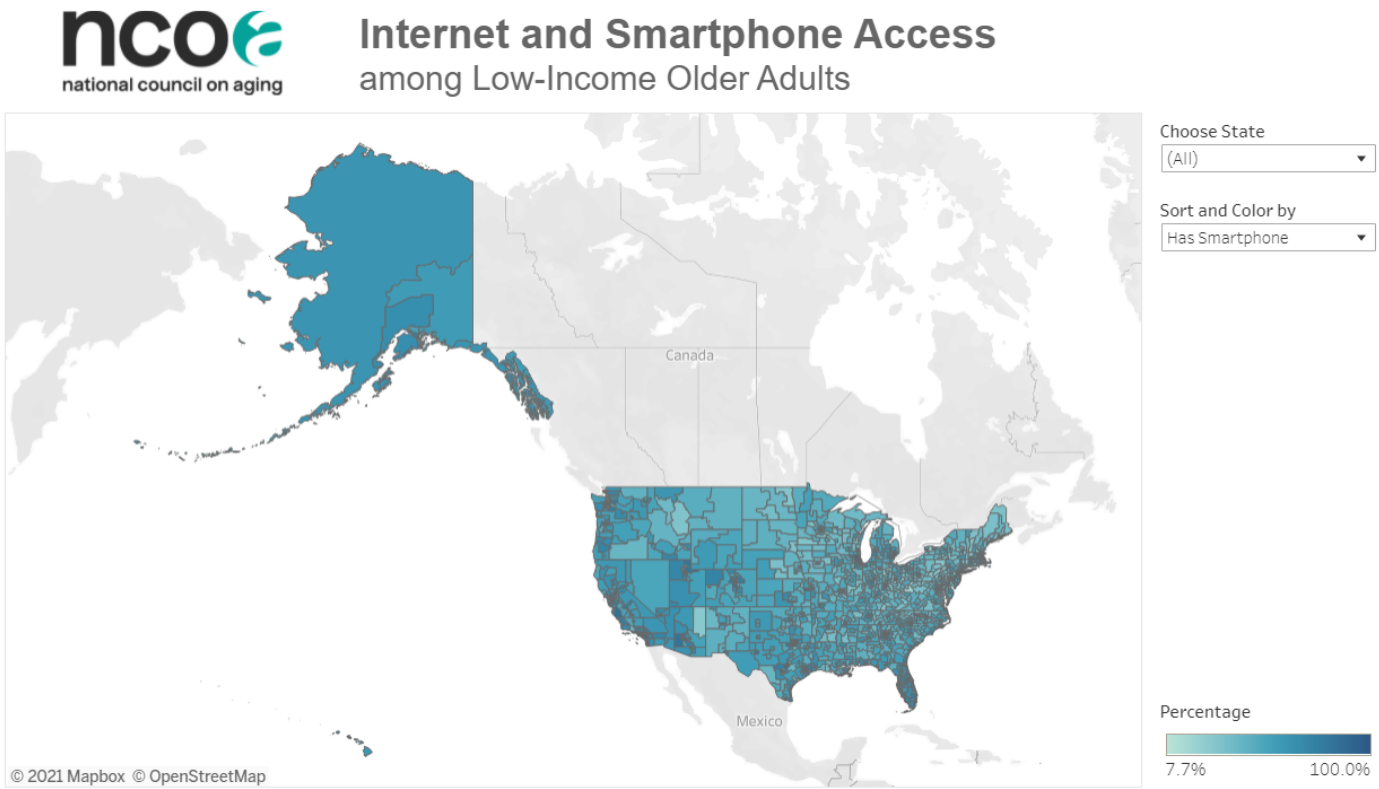
This series of virtual workshops is available on YouTube! [Click here](#) for a list of topics and access to the YouTube channel. These videos can be incorporated into your training and outreach efforts. For assistance in utilizing these videos in your program, contact Angela Bell at abell@shiptacenter.org

SHIP Bi-Monthly Meeting

In case you missed it, you can access the recording for the August 3rd meeting [here](#).

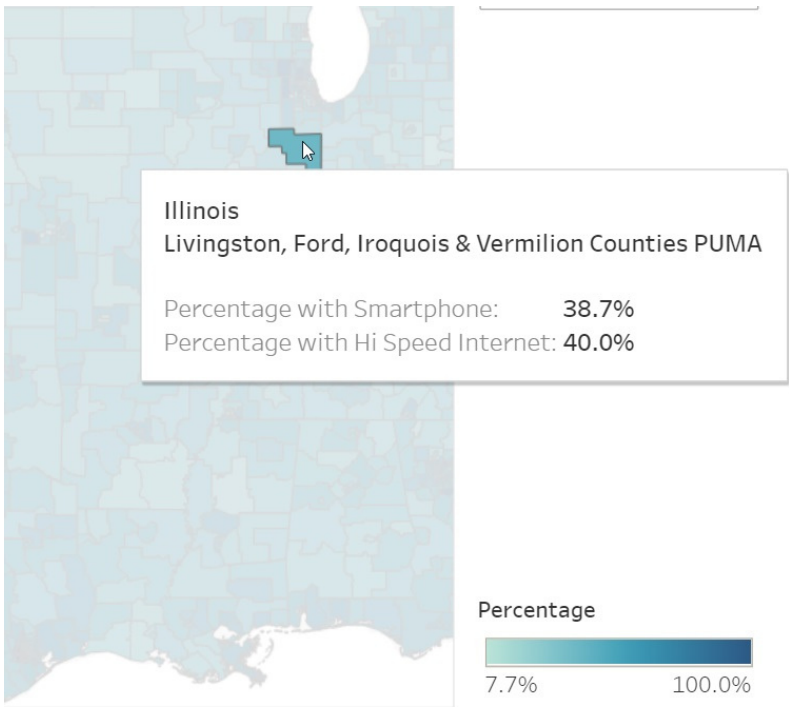
SPOTLIGHT:

NCOA'S DATA VISUALIZATION TOOL



Zoom In

NCOA's new tool allows you to visualize your service area by technology access, language, and race/ethnicity. [Click here](#) for additional information, tutorials, and tips for using the tool.



RESOURCES

People With Medicare Who Are Immunocompromised Would be Able to Receive an Additional COVID-19 Dose

The FDA authorized an additional dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for immunocompromised individuals. Eligible individuals with Medicare may receive the vaccine at no cost. [Click here](#) for additional information.



MIT Class on Covid-19

Professors Richard Young and Facundo Batista of MIT are offering a class in the Fall of 2021 examining the science of the pandemic. The weekly classes are open to the public and will feature lectures from leading experts on topics including epidemiology and vaccine development. Recordings will be posted online. This is a great resource that can assist in having conversations with clients. It can also be shared on social media for clients to view at their leisure. [Click here](#) to access the course.

News: Budget Blueprint

This blueprint proposes historic investments in Medicare and Medicaid. [click here](#) to read more.

Housing & Eviction Assistance

The following resources were shared by Erin Duncan, Staff Attorney at Prairie State Legal Services:

- [Eviction Help Illinois](#)
- Prairie State Legal Services [Eviction Resources](#)
- Prairie State Legal Services [Fair Housing Project](#)
- Illinois Department of Human Rights [Fair Housing Division](#)

Care-Connectors

Approval to share pending - <https://www.care-connectors.com/why-us>



Eviction Moratorium

Erin Duncan, Staff Attorney at Prairie State Legal Services (McLean, Livingston, and Woodford counties), shared the resource below to assist individuals facing eviction. Feel free to share with clients. If clients receive a first appearance notice to go to court, they can meet with Prairie State at the courthouse on the Wednesday morning eviction docket (check with your local office). Contact Erin at eduncan@pslegal.org if you have questions about the status of the moratorium or to get connected with an office in your county.



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EVICCTIONS DURING COVID-19



The Illinois eviction moratorium is ending!

- Beginning **August 1, 2021**, any eviction case can be filed in court. But most eviction orders against "**covered persons**" cannot be enforced until **September 19, 2021**.*

You are a covered person if you have given your landlord a **written Declaration** that says:

1. You made no more than \$99K in 2020 (\$198K for couples filing jointly);
2. You are behind on rent due to COVID;
3. You're using your best efforts to make partial rent payments; and
4. You would be homeless or have to double up if evicted.

Your landlord must give you the Illinois Declaration form, or you can get the Declaration form online at www.ihda.org.

**If you pose a direct threat to the health and safety of other tenants or an immediate and severe risk to property, you can be evicted now even if are a covered person.*

GET HELP!

- Visit www.helpillinoisfamilies.com (1-833-711-0374) or www.illinoisrentalassistance.org to find rent assistance, or find your local Community Action Agency at www.iacaanet.org/members to apply directly. Applications take some time to process. You may also try contacting other local agencies, such as Catholic Charities or Salvation Army, to request help.
- Residents of many counties can call 2-1-1 for information about rent assistance resources (visit www.illinois211.org for more information).
- If you live in income-based housing and your income has changed, ask the landlord or the Housing Authority to "recertify" your income.
- For the most up to date information about evictions during COVID, visit www.pslegal.org or www.illinoislegalaid.org.

If you get an eviction notice, ask for free legal help by calling 855-631-0811 or visit evictionhelpillinois.org.



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