

Dear Medicare Beneficiary,

We hope you value the help you received from SHINE.

SHINE provides free, unbiased, and personalized help to Medicare beneficiaries, caregivers, and families. Our goal is to empower you to choose the best Medicare plan based on your personal needs.

Today, Federal lawmakers are threatening to eliminate the funding for all State Health Insurance Assistance Programs, or SHIP programs. SHIP funding is vital to keeping the SHINE program in place.

Please take a moment to send the attached postcard to Sen. Marco Rubio. **Tell him that you DO NOT want the government to reduce or eliminate the Federal funding for the SHIP program.** Ask him to vote to continue funding this vital service.

Help us save the SHIP/SHINE program so we can continue to assist you and other Medicare beneficiaries in the future.



DETACH POSTCARD HERE. AFFIX STAMP AND MAIL BOTTOM HALF TO SENATOR RUBIO

Keep SHINE's light burning bright!

CRITICAL SERVICES TO MEDICARE

State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs) provide critical services to Medicare Beneficiaries in Florida. In Florida, the SHIP program is known as SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders).

4,161,936 BENEFICIARIES IN FLORIDA

Defunding SHIPs would mean 4,161,936 beneficiaries in Florida and 57,000,000 beneficiaries nationwide would no longer have access to free, unbiased, personalized Medicare counseling services.

510 SHINE VOLUNTEERS 71,505 HOURS

In Florida, 510 SHINE volunteers gave 71,505 hours to serve beneficiaries through SHIP in 2016.

TIME VALUE = \$1,623,163.50

In 2016, SHINE volunteers donated time valued at more than \$1,623,163.50 to helping Medicare beneficiaries (volunteer time valued at \$22.70 per hour).