

## VI SHIP/Medicare

The Virgin Islands State Health Insurance Assistance Program (VI SHIP) is the Virgin Islands local Medicare source, which is locally administered by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and federally funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Currently, there are SHIP Offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. VI SHIP provides free information and personalized or group counseling to persons with Medicare, family members, and caregivers in the territory on:

- Medicare
- Medigap (Medicare Supplement Insurance)
- Long Term Care Insurance and Financing Options
- Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage
- Billing/Claims Resolution Assistance
- Referrals to the Appropriate Government or Community-based Organizations.

Education and information are also provided to the general public by trained counselors via public forums, workshops, health fairs, etc. The goals of VI SHIP are to "assess, inform, advocate, protect, educate, and empower" Medicare beneficiaries.

What is Medicare?

What is MEDIGAP?

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

What is Medicaid?

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