



A message from the Commissioner of Insurance Tim Temple

The Louisiana Department of Insurance is tasked with balancing the needs of insurance consumers with the insurance industry's need to operate competitively. The LDI works diligently to protect the interest of policyholders while promoting a flourishing insurance market that benefits all residents and businesses in the great state of Louisiana. It is our mission to make sure insurance is available, affordable and accountable in Louisiana, and every action I take as Commissioner is targeted at achieving those goals.

As part of that mission, the LDI creates publications to provide consumers, the insurance industry, and other stakeholders with educational information about insurance-related matters in Louisiana.

I hope you find this publication informative, and I encourage you to contact us with questions or concerns at 1-800-259-5300 or ldi.la.gov.

Sincerely,
Tim Temple

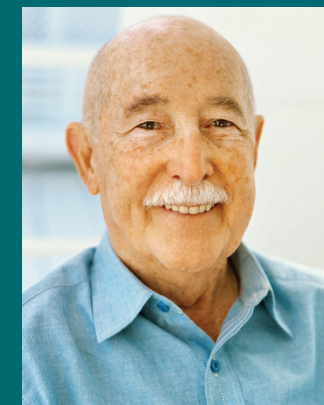
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INFORMATION PROGRAM**

FREE MEDICARE COUNSELING



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Tim Temple, Commissioner*

How can LaSHIP counselors help you?

If you are new to Medicare, counselors can explain how it works, what is covered and what costs you are responsible for paying.

1-800-259-5300



Anyone eligible for Medicare should know about the Senior Health Information Program (LaSHIP). LaSHIP offers free and confidential help with Medicare and other health insurance. Trained counselors who work through local sponsoring organizations can help answer your questions.

LaSHIP counselors have no connection with any insurance company or product.

LaSHIP DOES NOT

- Provide legal assistance
- Make decisions for you
- Promote specific products or offer policies for sale

LaSHIP counselors will help you understand the paperwork and statements that you receive after a doctor visit, hospital stay or other medical experience.

LaSHIP counselors help you figure out what has been paid and what you need to pay for Medicare, hospital or clinic bills.

LaSHIP counselors can help with claims filing or appeals if payment for a service has been denied.

LaSHIP counselors can explain your options for private insurance should Medicare not covers all your costs.

LaSHIP counselors can help you review long-term care insurance and offer tools to help decide if it is the right choice for you.

We want you to be informed! Public presentations to groups and organizations on Medicare and related topics can be scheduled by calling the Louisiana Department of Insurance toll-free at 1-800-259-5300

Learn more at ldi.la.gov/LaSHIP



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