

# SHIIP Announces Annual Regional Award Winners



*Honorees recognized for outstanding service to Medicare beneficiaries in North Carolina*

**RALEIGH**— North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2015 regional awards from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program. Goodwin congratulates the following honorees:

Western Coordinator of the Year – Dawna Ledbetter, McDowell County

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance that offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. While SHIIP has a small paid staff, it relies on county coordinators to help organize nearly 1,000 trained volunteers to provide Medicare counseling in all 100 counties in North Carolina.

“SHIIP would not be able to serve our state’s 1.5 million Medicare recipients without the help of our network of volunteers and coordinators,” said Goodwin. “While all of our partners do an outstanding job, we are proud to honor those who stood out for their service this past year. These award winners provide excellent service to North Carolinians, and I’m honored they are a part of our SHIIP family.”

This year’s awards were presented by Goodwin and SHIIP Deputy Commissioner Van Braxton on June 25 at the 2015 SHIIP Coordinators’ Training Conference in Greensboro.

“I congratulate all of the 2015 award winners,” Goodwin said. “SHIIP provides a valuable service across the state, and the need for our Medicare counseling will only grow as North Carolina’s Medicare population expands.”

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