"I hope these programs help you save money this year. If you need any help, please don't hesitate to contact me. My door is always open."

–Assemblyman Bill Magee

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HEAP cooling assistance program

The state has allocated $3 million for helping those in need afford air conditioners and energy bills. If you or a family member suffers from a medical condition that is aggravated by extreme heat, you may be eligible for assistance.

Applications are already underway and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Find out if you qualify by contacting the Oneida County Department of Social Services at **315-798-5700.**

Prescription drug assistance

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program is New York State's prescription plan for seniors. It provides copayment assistance for Medicare Part D-covered prescription drugs after any Part D deductible is met. EPIC also covers many Medicare Part D-excluded drugs.

New York State residents age 65 and older who are not receiving full Medicaid benefits, and whose income is not higher than $75,000 if single or $100,000 if married, are eligible.

Call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY 1-800-290-9138) for more information or an application.

Property tax relief

Many may believe that Enhanced STAR and the Senior Citizens' Exemption are synonymous, but they're not. The Enhanced STAR program allows homeowning seniors to receive significant exemptions on the taxable value of their homes, resulting in school tax savings. The Senior Citizens' Exemption could not only reduce your school taxes but also your county and town taxes. Age eligibility requirements vary by town. Call your town assessor to find out if you qualify.

For more information on the Enhanced STAR program, visit: **tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/index.htm**

For more information on the Senior Citizens' Exemption, visit: **tax.ny.gov/pit/property/exemption/seniorexempt.htm**

Important Community Resources from Bill Magee

Oneida County

Office for the Aging 315-798-5456

Dept. of Health 315-798-6400

Dept. of Social Services 315-798-5700

State Assistance

Attorney General
Consumer Helpline..... 800-771-7755

NYS Office of Victim Services 800-247-8035

Dept. of Taxation and Finance..... 518-457-5181

Medicaid

Utica Office.....315-798-5511 or 315-798-5632

Rome Office..... 315-356-1318

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program

..... 1-800-332-3742

NYS Smokers' Quitline

..... 1-866-697-8487

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

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