

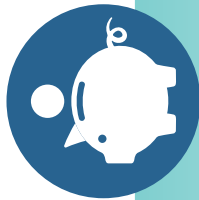


“I’m working to ensure you have the support and services to make life easier and more affordable in the Hudson Valley.”

– Assemblymember Didi Barrett

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for tips *from*
Assemblymember Didi Barrett
on how you can
save money and
stay healthy

Helpful Resources for Hudson Valley Residents

from

Assemblymember Didi Barrett



Assemblymember Didi Barrett *is keeping you informed*



Important Phone Numbers *courtesy of Assemblymember Didi Barrett*

Prescription Drug Assistance

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program provides copayment assistance for Medicare Part D-covered prescription drugs after any Part D deductible is met. EPIC also covers many drugs excluded from Medicare Part D.

EPIC is available to seniors aged 65 and older who are not receiving full Medicaid benefits and whose income is no higher than \$75,000 or \$100,000 if married.

For more information, contact **1-800-332-3742**.

Property Tax Relief

Thanks to the Enhanced STAR program, eligible seniors can receive exemptions on the taxable value of their homes, resulting in significant school tax savings. The Enhanced STAR program provides increased exemptions for eligible seniors who make less than \$86,300.

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

Consumer Scam Protection

Consumer scams have caused people to lose millions of dollars through false promises, inaccurate claims and deceptive tactics. Seniors are often targeted and less likely to file claims. It is important to learn about this fraud and prevent it before it happens.

For more information and tips to avoid being scammed, visit: dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/scams/consumeralerts_recalls/scam_alerts.htm

Lyme Disease Prevention

With warmer weather on the way, it's important to be aware of the dangers of tick-borne diseases (TBDs). Columbia and Dutchess counties have some of the highest rates of Lyme disease and TBDs in the nation, and seniors are at a greater risk of contracting these illnesses, which can be difficult to diagnose. Tick bites may be easily prevented by wearing long, tucked-in pants and sleeves when outdoors, using repellents that contain DEET or permethrin, avoiding contact with surrounding vegetation when hiking and checking yourself for ticks once inside.

For more information and helpful resources, visit our **#GetTickedOff** page on our website at: nyassembly.gov/Barrett

Columbia County

County Numbers

Columbia Memorial Hospital	518-828-7601
County Clerk.....	518-828-3339
Board of Elections	518-828-3115
Public Health Department	518-828-3358
Motor Vehicle Department.....	518-828-3350
New York State Office for the Aging.....	518-828-4258
Veterans.....	518-828-3610

Emergencies

Columbia County Sheriff.....	518-828-0601
Emergency Fire, Police, EMS.....	911
National Grid Emergency Line	800-892-2345
New York State Police	845-677-7300

Federal Assistance

Federal Trade Commission	
Identify Theft Hotline.....	877-438-4338
Consumer Response Center	877-382-4357
Postal Service.....	800-275-8777
Senator Charles E. Schumer	914-734-1532
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	845-875-4585
Social Security.....	800-772-1213

Services & Hotlines

EPIC Helpline	800-332-3742
Equifax.....	800-525-6285
Experian	888-397-3742
TransUnion	800-680-7289
Medicare Helpline	800-633-4227
Office for the Aging Hotline.....	800-342-9871
Utility Bill Problems.....	800-342-3377
"Do Not Call" Telemarketing Registry.....	888-382-1222

State Assistance

Attorney General Helpline	800-771-7755
New York State Division of	
Consumer Protection.....	800-697-1220
New York State Office of Victim Services	800-247-8035
Department of Taxation & Finance	518-530-4357

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Assemblymember Didi Barrett by calling 518-828-1961 or by emailing BarrettD@nyassembly.gov