

"The best opportunities are often the least utilized. I want to ensure every senior in our Mohawk Valley community is able to recognize and access the resources available to them."

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Helpful resources for Mohawk Valley Seniors from

Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon



Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon is helping seniors access important resources

HEAP and Emergency HEAP

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps eligible households pay the cost of heating or cooling their homes. Emergency HEAP benefits are also available if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off.

Eligibility and benefits are determined by income, household size, primary heating source and who resides in the household.

For more information on HEAP and emergency heating services contact: **Oneida County Department of Social Services** 800 Park Avenue Utica, NY 13501 Phone: **315-798-5559** Days Open: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Prescription Drug Assistance

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program provides secondary coverage for Medicare Part D and EPICcovered drugs purchased after any Medicare Part D deductible is met. Seniors can apply for EPIC at any time of the year and must be enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan. EPIC also covers approved Part D-excluded drugs once a member is enrolled in Part D.

For more information on EPIC, call **800-332-3742** or visit **https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/**

Consumer Scam Protection

Consumer scams have caused individuals to lose millions of dollars through deception and false promises. Seniors are vulnerable to these scams and are less likely to file claims, making it more important to learn how to prevent this type of fraud before it happens.

New York has programs available to educate seniors on the risks of consumer scams and resources available to victims. For more information and tips, visit

https://ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/consumer-issues You can also contact the Consumer Hotline at **800-771-7755**.



Questions or concerns? I'm here to help! Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon

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Important Phone Numbers

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Oneida County:

Board of Elections:	315-798-5765
Department of Health:	315-798-6400
Motor Vehicle Department:	
Aging Office:	
Department of Social Services:	315-798-5700

Emergencies

Oneida County Sheriff:	315-736-8364
Oneida County Emergency Services:	315-765-2526
Oneida County Fire Control:	315-724-6116

State Assistance

Attorney General Consumer Hotline:	800-771-7755
NYS Office of Victim Services:	800-247-8035
Department of Tax and Finance:	518-457-5181
Department of Health:	855-355-5777
NY Project Hope Mental Health Hotline:	844-863-9314
Unemployment Assistance:	888-209-8124

Federal Assistance

Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline: 877-438-4338	
Consumer Response Center:	877-382-4357
Postal Service:	800-275-8777
Senator Charles Schumer:	315-423-5471
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand:	518-431-0120
Social Security:	800-772-1213

Services & Hotlines

EPIC Hotline:	
Equifax:	
Experian:	
TransUnion:	
Medicare Helpline:	
Office for the Aging Helpline:	
Utility Bill Problems:	
"Do Not Call" Telemarketing Registry:	