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What is EPIC?

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program is a New York State program for seniors administered by the Department of Health.

Last year's budget included \$93.2 million to help seniors afford their medications.

To join EPIC, a senior must:

- Be a New York State resident;**
- Be 65 years or older;**
- Have an annual income below \$75,000 if single or \$100,000 if married;**
- Be enrolled or eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D (no exceptions); and**
- Not be receiving full Medicaid benefits.**

For more information regarding the EPIC program, call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY: 1-800-290-9138).

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Contact Assemblyman Josh Jensen on this or any legislative issue:
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NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING aging.ny.gov

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Official Health Plan Marketplace 1-855-355-5777

NY CONNECTS: Your link to

Long-Term Services and Supports 1-800-342-9871

U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Federal Information Center (for all locations) 1-800-333-4636

Health Care Fraud Hotline (Inspector General) 1-202-418-3300

Internal Revenue Service - Information Line 1-800-829-1040

Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection 1-518-434-1935 or 1-800-442-3863

Social Security Administration Hotline 1-800-772-1213

TTY 1-800-325-0778 Department of Veterans Affairs 1-800-827-1000

TOLL-FREE HELPLINES & OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AARP 1-202-434-2277

Alliance for Aging Research 1-202-293-2856

Alzheimer's Association 1-800-272-3900

American Diabetes Association 1-800-342-2383

American Diabetes Assoc. Professional Membership and Subscription Line 1-800-232-3472

American Heart and Stroke Association 1-800-242-8721

American Lung Association 1-800-586-4872

Arthritis Foundation Information Line 1-800-283-7800

Medicare and Medicaid Services Hotline (1-800-MEDICARE) 1-800-633-4227

National Cancer Institute 1-800-422-6237

National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care 1-202-332-2275

National Hospice Organization 1-800-658-8898

National Institute on Aging 1-800-222-2225

Parkinson's Disease Foundation 1-800-457-6676

NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs (1-888-VETS-NYS) 1-888-838-7697

Veterans' Affairs 1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255

Alliance for Aging Research 1-202-293-2856

National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255

Help for Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Gambling 1-877-8-HOPENY

IMPORTANT LOCAL CONTACTS

MONROE COUNTY'S NY CONNECTS PROGRAM 585-325-2800

OGDEN SENIOR CENTER 585-352-3250

HILTON PARMA SENIOR CENTER 585-392-9030

GREECE COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER 585-723-2425

MONROE COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING 585-753-6280

Golden Park Program

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If you are a New York State resident 62 or older, on any weekday (except holidays), you can obtain:

Free access to state parks, boat launch sites, and arboretums (except at Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park) Lake Superior State Park, Fahnestock Winter Park, Mark Twain State Park, Soaring Eagles Golf Course and Ganondagan State Historic Site; and

Fee reduction to state historic sites and state-operated golf courses.

Simply present your currently valid New York State Driver License or New York State Non-Driver Identification Card.*

For locations with pay stations, please contact the facility directly for information. For information about facilities where this program is valid, contact the nearest state park or state park regional office.

General Information: 518-474-0456

New York State Parks
Albany, NY 12238
518-474-0456

TTY/TDD through 711 Relay Service

**A New York State Driver License or a New York State Non-Driver Identification Card may be obtained from your local Motor Vehicle office. You may want to contact them first to be certain you bring the required forms of identification.*



What is RSVP?

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) partners with non-profit organizations in the community to engage men and women 55 and older in meaningful volunteer services.

- It provides life-changing opportunities for volunteers aged 55 and over.
- It helps meet the critical needs of communities by mobilizing tens of thousands of hours of volunteer service.
- It strengthens public and nonprofit agencies by matching skilled volunteers with vital programs and services.

If you are interesting in volunteering or for more information regarding the RSVP program visit www.tricountyunitedway.org or call (585) 244-8400.

What is NY Connects?

NY Connects helps anyone who needs information on long-term services and supports children with disabilities, older adults, family members and caregivers, friends or neighbors, veterans, and helping professionals.

NY Connects can help you ...

Find care and support
Remain independent
Understand care options
Find transportation
Learn about supports in caregiving
Find supported employment programs
Get answers about Medicare
Apply for medical and other benefits

For more information regarding NY Connects, visit www.nyconnects.ny.gov or call 1-800-342-9871.

Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption

Local governments and school districts in New York State can opt to grant a reduction on the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens. This is accomplished by reducing the taxable assessment of the senior's home.

To qualify, seniors generally must be 65 years of age or older and meet certain income limitations and other requirements. To see if your locality provides a tax exemption, call your local assessor.



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