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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 \$13 million to help seniors afford their medications.

To join EPIC, a senior must:

- Be a New York State resident age 62 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).

IMPORTANT LOCAL CONTACTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING (RIVERHEAD)
Riverhead County Center • County Road 51 • Riverhead, NY 11901

NASSAU COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING (UNIONDALE)
60 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 260, Uniondale, NY 11553

NASSAU COUNTY

Office for the Aging (Uniondale) 516-227-8900
Information on Home Delivered Meals 516-539-0150
Health Services 516-227-9697
Bus Services (Nice bus) 516-485-8100

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Office for the Aging (Riverhead) 631-852-1420
Information on Home Delivered Meals 631-853-8227
Health Services 631-854-0000
Senior Transportation (Smithtown) 631-265-8811/8826
Senior Transportation (Southold) 631-298-4460

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
Medicare Hotline 1-800-633-4227
Social Security Administration Hotline 1-800-772-1213
TTY 1-800-325-0778
Department of Veterans' Affairs 1-800-827-1000

NEW YORK STATE OF HEALTH

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

AARP 1-202-434-2277
AMAC (Association of Mature American Citizens) 1-888-262-2006
Alliance for Aging Research 1-202-293-2856
Alzheimer's Association 1-800-272-3900
Leading Age 1-202-783-2242
American Cancer Society Response Hotline 1-800-227-2345
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
National Cancer Institute 1-800-422-6237
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care 1-202-332-2275
National Committee to Preserve Social Security / Medicare 1-800-966-1935
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)

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TOLL-FREE HELPLINES & OTHER IMPORTANT

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 vehicle access to state parks, boat launch sites, and arboretums; 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.

Long Island Regional Office 631-669-1000

New York State Parks
Albany, NY 12238
631-669-1000

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) has nearly 3,000 volunteers who are 55+ at hundreds of nonprofit agencies throughout New York.

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.

For more information regarding the RSVP program, email info@cssny.org or call 212-254-8900.

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.

What is the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program?

The Ombudsman Program provides FREE advocacy and resources for people who reside in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, assisted living, and adult-care facilities.

If you or someone you know in long-term care needs an advocate, or you are looking to make a difference, become an Ombudsman volunteer today.

Please call the Ombudsman Program for more information

Suffolk County(631) 470-6755
Nassau County(516) 466-9718



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