

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

FROM

Assemblyman ★★★★★

Brian Miller



Toll Free Assistance

EPIC Prescription Protection for Seniors	1-800-332-3742
EZ Pass	1-800-333-8655
Legislative Status of Bills.....	1-800-342-9860
Medicare and Medical Claims	1-800-633-4227
Senior Citizen's Hotline.....	1-800-342-9871
Federal Tax Assistance	1-800-829-1040
I Love NY	1-800-225-5697
Veteran's Problems/Assistance	1-800-273-8255
Public Health Duty Officer Hotline.....	866-881-2809

Emergency Phone Numbers

Essential Community Services	211
Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (24/7 Crisis Intervention Services).....	315-732-6228
National Grid Power Outages.....	1-800-465-1212

Fire, Police & Ambulance

Emergency	911
Oneida County Sheriff	315-736-0141
Herkimer County Sheriff	315-867-1167
Otsego County Sheriff	607-547-4271

Area Hospitals

St. Elizabeth Medical Center.....	315-801-8100
Little Falls Hospital	315-823-1000
Bassett Medical Center.....	607-547-3456
A.O. Fox Hospital	607-432-2000

Office for the Aging

Oneida County	315-798-5456
Herkimer County.....	315-867-1195
Otsego County	607-547-4232

Clerk's Office

Oneida County	315-798-5776
Herkimer County.....	315-867-1129
Otsego County	607-547-4276

Social Services

Oneida County	315-798-5700
Herkimer County.....	315-867-1291
Otsego County	607-547-4355

Veterans' Services

Oneida County	315-798-5830
Herkimer County.....	315-867-1127
Otsego County	607-547-4224

Dear Neighbor,

As your assemblyman and a member of the Assembly Social Services Committee, it is my top priority to represent you in Albany as well as here at home. It is also my duty to ensure you are aware of a few state programs available to seniors in New York. I hope you will find some of the information in this brochure useful.

This year, I was proud to sponsor and vote in favor of Assembly Bill 5969, which would revise the state's STAR Program back to its previous format. The change, which was rolled out in 2016, is an inconvenience and disservice to all new homeowners. It is clear that the 2016 STAR Program plan does not serve the best interests of New York's residents, and I will continue to work on behalf of New York's homeowners to correct this error.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian D. Miller".

SENIOR CENTERS

Below are a number of senior centers that provide various activities and programs including exercise groups, travel clubs, and social events that keep you active and healthy.

NEW HARTFORD SENIOR DINING CENTER
1 SHERMAN ST., NEW HARTFORD – 315-724-8966

PRESTIGE SERVICES INC. SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
2580 SULPHUR SPRINGS RD., SAUQUOIT – 315-839-5512

PARKWAY CENTER
220 MEMORIAL PARKWAY, UTICA – 315-223-3973

STAR vs. ENHANCED STAR

Senior citizens receiving Enhanced STAR are not affected by the new registration requirement. Seniors must, however, take steps to ensure that they continue to receive Enhanced STAR.

Seniors receiving Enhanced STAR who reside outside of New York City must continue to:

- **apply annually, or**
- **participate in the Income Verification Program.**

Visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/types.htm> to learn more about STAR and Enhanced STAR

STAR ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria are the same for both the STAR credit and the STAR property tax exemption. You can't receive both the credit and the exemption.

Eligible homeowners

Basic STAR

Enhanced STAR

	Basic STAR	Enhanced STAR
Residency	You must own your home and it must be your primary residence.	You must own your home and it must be your primary residence.
Age	No age restriction	65 or older For jointly owned property, only one spouse or sibling must be at least 65 by December 31 of the year when the exemption will begin.
Income	\$500,000 or less The income limit applies to the combined incomes of only the owners and owners' spouses who reside at the property.	For 2016 benefits, \$84,550 or less. For 2017, \$86,000 or less. The income limit applies to all owners and any owner's spouse who resides at the property.

EPIC

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program is a New York State program for seniors administered by the Department of Health. To enroll in EPIC you must:

- 1. Be a NYS resident age 65 or older;**
- 2. Have an annual income below \$75,000 if single, or below \$100,000 if married;**
- 3. Be enrolled or be eligible to be enrolled in Medicare Part D; and**
- 4. Not receive full Medicaid benefits.**

For more information regarding EPIC, or to apply, call 1-800-332-3742.

HEALTH CARE PROXY

New York Health Care Proxy laws allow state residents to appoint trusted family members or close friends to make healthcare decisions for them if they become incapacitated or unable to direct their own course of treatments. In order to appoint a health care agent, you must fill out a health care proxy form. For more information or to obtain the form itself:

- **Visit www.health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/health_care_proxy;**
- **Contact Assemblyman Brian Miller's office**

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