



**“I wanted you to know about these programs that may help you save money this year. As always, don’t hesitate to call my office with any questions or concerns.”**

**–Assemblymember Didi Barrett**

**For information on programs for seniors, families, and veterans, or to find when I will be at a diner near you, please visit my website at [assembly.state.ny.us/mem/didi-barrett](https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/didi-barrett).**

**Look inside for tips from Assemblymember Didi Barrett on how you can save money**

**Helpful tips from**



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## Keeping you informed

### A tax credit for caregivers

Tax relief is available for caregivers through the Child and Dependent Care Credit, a tax credit based on a sliding income scale for working parents who pay for child care or those who live with a spouse or dependent who is physically or mentally incapable of self care.

For more information on the Child and Dependent Care Credit, visit: [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) or call 845-451-7101.



### Prescription drug assistance

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program (EPIC) is New York State's prescription plan for seniors. It provides copayment assistance for Medicare Part D-covered prescription drugs after any Part D deductible is met. EPIC also covers many Medicare Part D-excluded drugs.

New York State residents aged 65 and older who are not receiving full Medicaid benefits and whose income is not higher than \$75,000 if single or \$100,000 if married, are eligible.

**Call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY 1-800-290-9138) for more information or an application.**

### Property tax relief

Most think Enhanced STAR and the Senior Citizens' Exemption are synonymous, but they're not. The Enhanced STAR program allows home-owning seniors to receive significant exemptions on the taxable value of their homes, resulting in school tax savings. The Senior Citizens' Exemption could not only reduce your school taxes, but also your county and town taxes. Age eligibility requirements vary by town. Call your town assessor to find out when you'll qualify.

For more information on the Enhanced STAR program, visit: [tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/index.htm](https://tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/index.htm)

For more information on the Senior Citizens' Exemption, visit: [tax.ny.gov/pit/property/exemption/seniorexempt.htm](https://tax.ny.gov/pit/property/exemption/seniorexempt.htm)

### Free tax preparation

The AARP Tax-Aide program in conjunction with the IRS and the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition will be offering a free tax-preparation service for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, with special attention to those aged 60+.

You do not need to be a member of AARP.

Dial 1-800-899-1479 for site locations, hours and appointments.

For more information, please visit: [aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide](https://aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide)

**If you have any questions, please feel  
free to contact**

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## Important Phone Numbers from Assemblymember Didi Barrett

### Emergencies

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Emergency Fire, Police, EMS .....   | 911          |
| New York State Police .....         | 845-677-7300 |
| Dutchess County Sheriff .....       | 845-486-3800 |
| National Grid Emergency Line .....  | 800-892-2345 |
| Central Hudson Gas & Electric ..... | 845-452-2700 |

### Services & Hotlines

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| EPIC Helpline .....                                     | 800-332-3742   |
| Medicaid Helpline .....                                 | 800-541-2831   |
| Utility Bill Problems .....                             | 800-342-3377   |
| "Do Not Call" Telemarketing Registry .....              | 888-382-1222   |
| Mediation Center of Dutchess County .....               | 845-471-7213   |
| Mid-Hudson Library .....                                | 845-471-6060   |
| NYS Smokers' Quitline .....                             | 1-866-697-8487 |
| Dutchess County Department of<br>Veteran Services ..... | 845-486-2060   |

### County Numbers

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Health Department .....        | 845-486-3400 |
| County Clerk .....             | 845-486-2120 |
| Board of Elections .....       | 845-486-2473 |
| Office for the Aging .....     | 845-486-2555 |
| Motor Vehicle Department ..... | 845-486-2130 |

### State Assistance

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| Attorney General Consumer Helpline .....       | 800-771-7755 |
| New York State Office of Victim Services ..... | 800-247-8035 |
| Department of Taxation & Finance .....         | 518-457-5181 |

### Federal Assistance

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| Senator Charles E. Schumer ..... | 518-431-4070 |
| Senator Kirsten Gillibrand ..... | 518-431-0120 |
| Social Security .....            | 800-772-1213 |
| Postal Service .....             | 800-275-8777 |