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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 65 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).



- NEW YORK STATE OF HEALTH**
- The Official Health Plan Marketplace1-855-355-5777
 - NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs1-888-(838-7697)
 - Parkinson's Disease Foundation1-800-457-6676
 - National Institute on Aging1-800-222-2225
 - National Hospice Organization1-800-658-8898
 - Social Security / Medicare1-800-966-1935
 - National Committee to Preserve Long-Term Care1-202-332-2275
 - National Consumer Voice for Quality National Cancer Institute1-800-422-6237
 - Arthritis Foundation Information Line1-800-283-7800
 - American Lung Association1-800-586-4872
 - American Heart and Stroke Association1-800-242-8721
 - Membership and Subscription Line1-800-232-3472
 - American Diabetes Assoc. Professional1-800-342-2383
 - American Cancer Society Response Hotline1-800-227-2345

- SUFFOLK COUNTY**
- Office for the Aging (Riverhead)631-852-1420
 - Information on Home Delivered Meals631-853-8227
 - Health Services631-854-0000
 - Senior Transportation (Smithtown)631-265-8811/8826
 - Senior Transportation (Southold)631-298-4460
 - NY CONNECTS:**
 - Your link to Long-Term Services and Supports1-800-342-9871
 - 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 Line1-800-829-1040
 - Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection1-518-434-1935
 - Medicare Hotline1-800-442-3863
 - or 1-800-442-3863
 - Medicare Hotline Administration Hotline1-800-633-4227
 - Social Security Administration Hotline1-800-772-1213
 - TTY1-800-325-0778
 - Department of Veterans' Affairs1-800-827-1000
 - TOLL-FREE HELPLINES & OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS**
 - AARP1-202-434-2277
 - AMAC (Association of Mature American Citizens)1-888-262-2006
 - Alliance for Aging Research1-202-293-2856
 - Alzheimer's Association1-800-272-3900
 - Leading Age1-202-783-2242

IMPORTANT LOCAL CONTACTS

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

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.

Learn about Voices for Seniors.

Voices For Seniors was founded by two sisters who have dedicated their lives to improving the quality of life for our most vulnerable, elderly communities through grassroots initiatives and advocacy for protective legislation and reform.

Third annual Operation Christmas Senior event!

Help Voices for Seniors by donating goods that are then gifted to seniors across Long Island for Christmas! For more information and a list of appropriate donations, please visit the link below!

Learn more about local events in your area or how to help grow Voices for Seniors by visiting:

www.voicesforseniors.com



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