

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther

Delivering Results for Seniors

Assemblywoman Gunther supported legislation to improve the lives of our seniors, such as:

- **Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP):** Assemblywoman Gunther supported funding for this program to help older residents remain in their homes. It provides individuals living at home with non-medical services such as personal care, adult day care, transportation assistance and support services such as case management and non-institutional respite. Individuals aged 60 or older who require living assistance and are ineligible for these services under Medicaid may qualify for EISEP. To learn more, visit health.ny.gov/health_care/Medicaid/program/longterm/expand or call **800-342-9871** (Ch.53 of 2022)
- Signed into law, Assemblywoman Gunther's legislation protecting our vulnerable seniors from all forms of elder abuse, including identity theft (Ch. 63 of 2022)

18 Anawana Lake Road, Monticello, NY 12701

PRSRT STD.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Albany, NY
Permit No. 75

Assemblywoman
Aileen Gunther

Look inside to
learn about critical
resources available
for seniors

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther: Keeping Seniors Informed



“It’s important to know and access available resources and programs. I’m fighting to ensure our seniors remain connected to their communities and continue to thrive in the place they call home.”

– Assemblywoman
Aileen Gunther

Important senior resources courtesy of Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

HEAP can help you save on electricity, propane, natural gas, wood, oil, kerosene and other heating fuels. Cash grants will be made available to those who need help paying their heating bills based on income, the home's primary fuel source and the number and ages of household members. HEAP will also allocate up to \$6,000 to help low-income homeowners repair or replace furnaces, boilers, or other direct heating equipment.

Low-income homeowners and those over 60 years old who pay their own heating bill may be eligible. To determine if you qualify in Sullivan County, call **845-807-0142**. In Orange County, call **845-346-1120**. HEAP enrollment began November 16th and the program works on a first come, first serve basis.

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)

The EPIC program can cut the cost of prescription drugs, making medications more affordable for seniors. All EPIC fee and deductible plans have been replaced by one level of coverage for all participants. EPIC only assists with prescription drugs during a coverage gap and for medication on participants' Part D plan.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a New York resident older than 65 and have an annual income of under \$35,000 (single) or \$50,000 (married). To find out your eligibility status or for more information, call the NYS EPIC helpline at **800-332-3742** or visit **www.health.ny.gov**. For more information on Medicare Part D, visit **www.medicare.gov** or call **800-633-4227**.

As we look forward to the new year, I want to hear from you regarding some of the challenges facing New Yorkers. I have created an online questionnaire seeking your input. Visit my Assembly webpage at www.nyassembly.gov/gunther or scan the QR code. Thank you for your input.



Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther

18 Anawana Lake Road, Monticello, NY 12701 | 845-794-5807 | 16 James St., 3rd Floor, Middletown, NY 10940 | 845-342-9304 | GuntherA@nyassembly.gov