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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.

This year's budget saw an increase of \$5 million to the EPIC program, totaling \$131.5 million, to help seniors afford their medications.

### To join EPIC, a senior must:

- Be a New York State resident;
- 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, visit [bit.ly/epicreq](http://bit.ly/epicreq) or call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY: 1-800-290-9138).

## Important Local Contacts

### OSWEGO COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING

County Office Complex • 70 Bunner St. • Oswego, NY 13126 • Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### JEFFERSON COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING

175 Arsenal Street, 2nd Floor • Watertown, NY 13601 • Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### ONONDAGA COUNTY AGING SERVICES

421 Montgomery Street • 10th Floor, Civic Center • Syracuse, NY 13202

#### OSWEGO COUNTY

Oswego County Office for the Aging .....	315-349-3484
Oswego County Health Department .....	315-349-3545
CENTRO Oswego County .....	315-342-4400
Oswego County Opportunities Transportation .....	315-598-4713
Oswego County Opportunities Call-N-Ride .....	315-598-1514
Oswego County Opportunities Meals-on-Wheels .....	315-598-4712

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jefferson County Office for the Aging .....	315-785-3191
Jefferson County Public Health Services .....	315-786-3770
Jefferson County Office for the Aging Senior Nutrition	

#### ONONDAGA COUNTY

Department of Adult and Long-Term Care Services .....	315-435-2362
or 315-435-3355	
Long-Term Care Resource Center .....	315-435-5600
Local NY Connects Office .....	315-435-1400
Onondaga County Health Department .....	315-435-3252
Administration Main Line .....	315-435-3662
Meals on Wheels of Baldwinsville .....	315-638-2171

#### 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 Hot Line (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 Hot Line .....	1-800-633-4227

Social Security Administration Hot Line .....	1-800-772-1213
TTY .....	1-800-325-0778
Veterans Affairs, Department of .....	1-800-827-1000

#### TOLL-FREE HELPLINES & OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AARP .....	1-202-434-2277
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 Hot Line .....	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
Medicare and Medicaid Services Hot line .....	1-800-MEDICARE
(1-800-633-4227)	
National Cancer Institute .....	1-800-422-6237
National Caregiving Foundation .....	1-800-930-1357
National Center on Elder Abuse .....	1-800-677-1116
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)	

#### NEW YORK STATE OF HEALTH

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



# Fighting for Our Seniors

This is the second budget in a row that the Legislature has successfully prevented the governor from making drastic cuts to important senior reimbursements. It's our job to protect our seniors by making sure they can afford to stay in their homes, providing them with essential services, and protecting their fixed incomes. This year, I am pleased to say that the Legislature:

- **Rejected the governor's plan to cap Medicare B reimbursements; and**
- **Prevented the governor from eliminating the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA).**



## Golden Park Program

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 (except at Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park, Irondequoit Bay State Marine and Earl W. Brydges Artpark State Park); and**
- **Fee reduction to state historic sites and state-operated golf courses.**

You can do the above simply by presenting 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, state park regional office – Central NY Region, 315-492-1756; Thousand Islands Region, 315-482-2593; or contact:

**New York State Parks**  
**Albany, NY 12238**  
**518-474-0456**  
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.



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