

Assemblywoman Michaelle C. Solages *Introduces Legislation to Support Seniors*

Senior Property Tax Assessment Reduction

Assemblywoman Solages introduced the Senior Property Tax Assessment Reduction Act (A5100)

This piece of legislation will provide a 50% property tax assessment reduction for seniors and people with disabilities who earn less than \$50k per year. This bill will provide relief to over 8,000 households in Nassau County who are paying ever-increasing property taxes while living on social security benefits or disability insurance.



Prescription Drug Affordability

Assemblymember Solages introduced the Rx Common Sense Act (A5046)

Requires that notices be sent when formularies change (lists of generic covered drugs) and allows patients to choose how they get their medication. For example, by mail or at a local pharmacy.

Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages has cosponsored numerous bills that will lower prescription drug prices.

- **A133** Allows New York to import drugs from other nations like Canada which are far cheaper and can be sold here at no markup.
- **A7245** Prohibits the practice known as “pay to delay” which is when big pharmaceutical companies compensate generic drug manufacturers to keep affordable drugs off the market.
- **A187** Allows for medication refill synchronization that will allow a patient to get a partial refill of their medication at a prorated cost.
- **A9245A** Expands the Medicaid Savings Program eligibility to 156% of the Federal Poverty Line so that more New Yorkers can receive help with their Medicaid Part B premiums.

Adult Care Facilities

Assemblymember Solages has introduced the Adult Care Facility Ease of Service Act (A9575)

This bill will end the practice of unnecessary transfers from care facilities. When a resident of an adult home, enriched housing, assisted living residence, or special needs assisted living residence requires a nursing evaluation, assessment, or incidental nurse care, the facility must either arrange for a visit by a nursing agency or transfer the resident, most often to a hospital and sometimes to a nursing home.

This bill allows the Commissioner of Health to make regulations that will permit operators to provide incidental nursing services for the benefit of residents who are otherwise subject to unnecessary transfers.



Volunteer Elder Driver Protections

Assemblymember Solages introduced the Elder Driver Insurance Protection Act (A9525)

This piece of legislation prohibits car insurance companies from refusing to renew a policy used for volunteer social service transportation and distinguishes cars used for volunteer social service transportation from services like Uber and Lyft.

Hearing Aid Coverage for All

Assemblywoman Solages introduced two bills that will ensure that hearing aids are covered by insurance for children and adults (A5035 & A9572)

This legislation will require all health insurance providers to cover high-quality hearing aids that have been prescribed by a doctor.



Lions Lend an Ear Foundation and Lions Club members from all over New York State rallied to push Assemblywoman Solages' legislation that would mandate insurance companies to cover the cost of hearing aid devices.



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Dear Neighbor,

More than half of the nation's spending on medicines goes to someone who doesn't make them. Drug manufacturers receive 49.5% of all spending on medicines. The drug "supply chain" received 50.5% of all spending on medicines in the year 2020.

The drug supply chain includes health plans, pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), pharmacies, hospitals, and government – they are often referred to as "middlemen."

These middlemen are what cause the high cost of life saving drugs. There is much-needed transparency and oversight to the pharmaceutical industry and to drug pricing and I have a plan to help! Look inside to learn more about my legislation to make prescription drugs affordable.

Sincerely,

Hon. Michaelle C. Solages



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Farmers Market for Seniors

Seniors (60 or older) are welcome to participate by calling the Nassau County Department of Aging at
516-227-8900.

Farmers Market expected to start after

July 4th, 2022.

No registrations required.

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1438/Aging>