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“As a member of the Assembly Committee on Aging, I’m committed to ensuring our seniors are healthy and safe, especially during these difficult times. I hope these resources can connect you to valuable services and programs that will help make your life easier.”

– Assemblymember
Mathylde Frontus

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MOVED**



**Check out our
new office at**
310 93rd Street
Brooklyn, NY 11209.

Assemblymember Mathylde Frontus:

Learn about important
services available to
Southern Brooklyn seniors



Assemblymember Mathylde Frontus:

Resources to help make your life easier and more affordable



Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help pay the cost of heating and cooling your home. Eligibility for HEAP is based on income, household size and whether the household includes individuals age 60 or older or who are permanently disabled. You might also be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if you're in danger of having your utility service shut off.

Due to COVID-19, all HEAP offices are currently closed and in-person interviews are temporarily halted. Required interviews for any HEAP benefit component may be completed by telephone at 212-331-3126. The application period for regular and emergency HEAP benefits has been extended through August 31, 2020, or until the funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.

For more information on HEAP, visit:
access.nyc.gov/programs/home-energy-assistance-program-heap

Cooling Assistance Benefit

Stay cool this summer. Get help paying for the cost and installation of air conditioning units and fans through the Cooling Assistance Benefit. This program helps eligible households buy and install an air conditioner or fan up to a cost of \$800. The deadline for the program is August 30, 2020.

More information on the Cooling Assistance benefit can be found here:
access.nyc.gov/programs/cooling-assistance-benefit

Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE)

As part of the NYC Rent Freeze Program, the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) can help keep the cost of your rent from increasing by exempting you from rent hikes. Additionally, the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE), which is also part of the city's Rent Freeze Program, protects eligible residents from future rent increases. The NYC Department of Finance understands that SCRIE and DRIE recipients may have difficulties renewing their enrollment in the Rent Freeze Program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While SCRIE/DRIE recipients should renew as soon as possible, please note that recipients have an automatic six-month grace period to renew.

More information on SCRIE and DRIE application changes can be found here: www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/tools/scrie-applications.page

Assemblymember Frontus is looking out for Southern Brooklyn Seniors

Assemblymember Frontus co-sponsored legislation that ensures more seniors can access needed pharmaceuticals through the EPIC program (A.3145-C).

Frontus also voted to enact legislation that will:

- ✓ protect seniors from gender discrimination (Chapter 721 of 2019)
- ✓ increase the availability of substance abuse and compulsive gambling treatment services designed for the unique needs of older New Yorkers (Chapter 328 of 2019)
- ✓ protect the pensions of New York State veterans from predatory financial practices (Chapter 183 of 2019)

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Please call or stop by either of my district offices if you have problems applying to these programs or if you have any questions or concerns.