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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.

Assemblyman Steve Hawley voted to restore \$1.2 million to the EPIC program to help seniors afford their medications.

## To join EPIC, a senior must:

- Be a New York State resident;
- Have an annual income below \$35,000 if single or \$50,000 if married;
- Be enrolled or eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D (no exceptions); and
- Not be receiving full Medicaid benefits.

How can we improve upon EPIC? I'm co-sponsoring legislation to provide a personal income tax deduction to eligible seniors to help ease the burden of prescription drug costs.

For more information regarding the EPIC program, visit bit.ly/epicreq or call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY: 1-800-290-9138).

If you have any questions on this or any other state issue, please contact my office:

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