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As your Assemblyman, I am committed to ensuring you have access to resources that can ease financial burdens and improve your quality of life. Inside, I've outlined key programs and services available to those aged 65 and older and those who have served to help with tax relief, energy assistance, and healthcare needs.

**DEAR CONSTITUENT,**

# TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

New York State offers several programs to reduce your tax burden:



**ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTION:** The STAR program provides eligible homeowners with relief on their school property taxes. To be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption, you must meet all of the following conditions:

- You own your home, and it is your primary residence.
- You will be 65 or older by December 31 of the year of exemption. For jointly owned property, only one spouse or sibling must be at least 65 by that date.
- Your income must be equal to or less than the Enhanced STAR income limit.

**Call 518-457-2036 between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM for more information.**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP):**

SNAP issues electronic benefits that can be used like cash to purchase food. SNAP helps low-income working people, senior citizens, people with disabilities, and others feed their families.  
**Call 1-800-342-3009 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM for more information.**

**HOME DELIVERED MEALS:** For New York seniors who can't prepare meals for themselves, home-delivered meals provide healthy meals to a participant's residence up to five days a week. Up-to-date information about wellness and healthy eating habits is provided to those who receive meals. Registered dietitians offer private nutrition counseling to older people with questions about diabetes, weight loss or gain, and healthy eating.

**Apply through your local Office for the Aging:**

**Genesee County: 585-343-1611**

**Orleans County: 585-589-3191**

**Monroe County: 585-753-6280**

or

**NY Connect: 585-325-2800**

**HEAP:** The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help eligible New Yorkers heat and cool their homes. Those in danger of running out of fuel or having their utility service shut off may be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits.

**For more information, call your local Department of Social Services between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM:**

**Genesee County: 585-344-2580 (Press 0)**

**Orleans County: 585-589-7000 (Press 4)**

**Monroe County: 585-753-6878**

## **ELDERLY PHARMACEUTICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE (EPIC):**

EPIC is a Department of Health-administered program that helps defray out-of-pocket drug costs for income-eligible seniors with Medicare Part D. It is easy to join the program. Complete the application and mail/fax it to EPIC or apply online. **Call 1-800-332-3742 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM for more information or to request an application.**

## **EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP):**

The Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program provides support at home for those 60 and older who need assistance with their personal care or household chores. These services provide coordinated, nonmedical services for older adults who aren't eligible for Medicaid.

**Call: 1-800-342-9871 to speak to an advisor.**

**I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO HEAR WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT HOW I CAN BEST SERVE YOU IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY.**

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