



New York State Assembly
Albany, NY 12248

PRSRT STD,
US Postage
PAID
Albany, NY
Permit No. 75

What is EPIC?

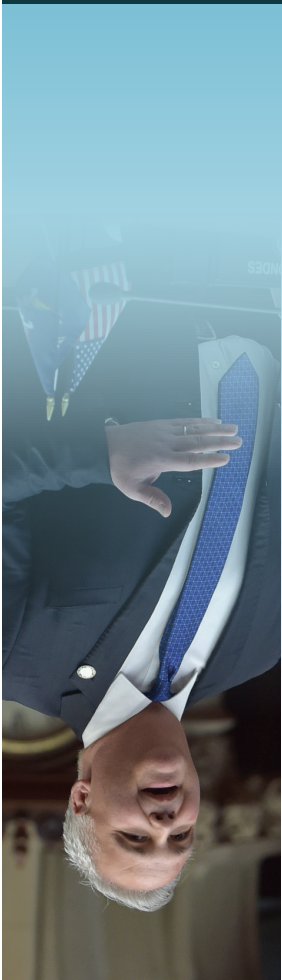
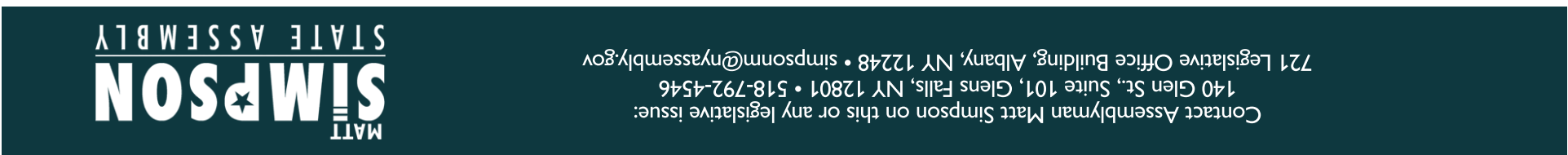
The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program is a New York State program for seniors administered by the Department of Health.

Last year's budget included \$13.3 million to help seniors afford their medications.

To join EPIC, a senior must:

- Be a New York State resident;
- Be 65 years or older;
- 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, call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY: 1-800-290-9138).



TOLL-FREE HELPLINES & OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING aging.ny.gov
- NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
- The Official Health Plan Marketplace 1-855-355-5777
- 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 Hotline (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
- Social Security Administration Hotline 1-800-772-1213
- TTY 1-800-325-0778 Department of Veterans Affairs 1-800-827-1000
- OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS
- AARP 1-202-434-2277
- Alliance for Aging Research 1-202-293-2856
- Alzheimer's Association 1-800-272-3900
- American Cancer Society Response Hotline 1-800-227-2345
- 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 Hotline (1-800-MEDICARE) 1-800-633-4227
- National Cancer Institute 1-800-422-6237
- National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care 1-202-332-2275
- 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
- Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255
- Veterans Affairs 1-800-273-8255
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255
- Help for Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Gambling 1-877-8-HOPENY

IMPORTANT LOCAL CONTACTS

- WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTIES OFFICE FOR THE AGING 518-761-6347
- WASHINGTON COUNTY AGING & DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTER 518-746-2420
- ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS, INC. (ACAP) 518-873-3207

Golden Park Program

MATT
SIMPSON
STATE ASSEMBLY

If you are a New York State resident 62 or older, on any weekday (except holidays), you can obtain:

- **Free access to state parks, boat launch sites, and arboretums (except at Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park) Lake Superior State Park, Fahnestock Winter Park, Mark Twain State Park, Soaring Eagles Golf Course and Ganondagan State Historic Site; and**
- **Fee reduction to state historic sites and state-operated golf courses.**

Simply present 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 or state park regional office.

General Information: 518-474-0456

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.*



What is RSVP?

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) partners with non-profit organizations in the community to engage men and women 55 and older in meaningful volunteer services.

- It provides life-changing opportunities for volunteers aged 55 and over.
- It helps meet the critical needs of communities by mobilizing tens of thousands of hours of volunteer service.
- It strengthens public and nonprofit agencies by matching skilled volunteers with vital programs and services.

If you are interesting in volunteering or for more information regarding the RSVP program visit www.tricountyunitedway.org or call (518) 743-9158.

What is NY Connects?

NY Connects helps anyone who needs information on long-term services and supports children with disabilities, older adults, family members and caregivers, friends or neighbors, veterans, and helping professionals.

NY Connects can help you ...

- Find care and support
- Remain independent
- Understand care options
- Find transportation
- Learn about supports in caregiving
- Find supported employment programs
- Get answers about Medicare
- Apply for medical and other benefits

For more information regarding NY Connects, visit www.nyconnects.ny.gov or call 1-800-342-9871.

Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption

Local governments and school districts in New York State can opt to grant a reduction on the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens. This is accomplished by reducing the taxable assessment of the senior's home.

To qualify, seniors generally must be 65 years of age or older and meet certain income limitations and other requirements. To see if your locality provides a tax exemption, call your local assessor.



SIMPSON
STATE ASSEMBLY

Albany: LOB 721, Albany, NY 12248
District: 140 Glen St., Glens Falls, NY 12801
518-792-4546
Email: simpsonm@nyassembly.gov