

Assemblymember McMahon

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to see how
**Assemblymember
McMahon**
is fighting for older
New Yorkers

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"This year, I worked tirelessly to protect the critical services and resources that help keep older residents healthy and make their lives easier. I'll continue looking out for their interests in Albany to ensure our seniors are receiving the best care possible."

Supporting Western New York's seniors

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is expanding resources for older New Yorkers

To **support older New Yorkers**, Assemblymember McMahon helped pass a state budget that provided:

- **\$15 million** in community-based support to serve more older adults, help seniors maintain their autonomy and delay future Medicaid costs through proactive care
- **\$300,000** for the Center for Elder Law and Justice, which provides free civil legal services in a wide variety of areas to seniors and other vulnerable populations in Western New York

McMahon also passed legislation to **reform nursing homes** by:

- Reuniting families separated by the COVID-19 pandemic by expanding nursing home visitation rights (*Ch. 89 of 2021*)
- Making provider data in nursing homes and health care facilities public (*A.244-A*)
- Creating a task force that will study the state of long-term care services and challenges in New York, including issues specifically related to COVID-19 (*A.3922-A*)



Helping you stay healthy and safe

EPIC

The **Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program** is a New York State program for seniors administered by the Department of Health. It helps more than 330,000 income-eligible seniors aged 65 and older to supplement their out-of-pocket Medicare Part D drug plan costs. Seniors can apply for EPIC at any time of the year. They must be enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan to receive EPIC benefits and maintain coverage. Visit https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/ for more information.

COVID-19 Vaccines

Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. All seniors 65 and older, and younger individuals with underlying medical conditions, who received a primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines at least 6 months ago, can now receive a free booster shot. Any individual who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine 2 months ago can also now receive a free booster shot. To find a vaccination site near you, visit [ny.gov/vaccine](https://www.health.ny.gov/vaccine) or call **1.833.NYS.4.VAX (1.833.697.4829)**.