

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

FROM

Assemblyman ★★★★★

Brian Miller



Toll Free Assistance

EPIC Prescription Protection for Seniors	1-800-332-3742
EZ Pass	1-800-333-8655
Legislative Status of Bills.....	1-800-342-9860
Medicare and Medical Claims	1-800-633-4227
Senior Citizen's Hotline	1-800-342-9871
Federal Tax Assistance	1-800-829-1040
I Love NY	1-800-225-5697
Veteran's Problems/Assistance	1-800-273-8255
Public Health Duty Officer Hotline.....	866-881-2809

Emergency Phone Numbers

Essential Community Services	211
Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (24/7 Crisis Intervention Services).....	315-732-6228
NYSEG Power Outages.....	1-800-572-1131

Fire, Police & Ambulance

Emergency	911
Delaware County Sheriff.....	607-832-5555

Area Hospitals

O'Connor Hospital	607-746-0300
Delaware Valley Hospital.....	607-865-2100
Margaretville Memorial Hospital.....	845-586-2631
A.O. Fox Hospital	607-432-2000
Delaware County Office for the Aging...	607-832-5750
Delaware County Clerk's Office.....	607-832-5700
Delaware County Social Services	607-832-5300
Delaware County Veteran's Services...	607-832-5345

Dear Neighbor,

As your assemblyman and a member of the Assembly Social Services Committee, it is my top priority to represent you in Albany as well as here at home. It is also my duty to ensure you are aware of a few state programs available to seniors in New York. I hope you will find some of the information in this brochure useful.

This year, I was proud to sponsor and vote in favor of Assembly Bill 5969, which would revise the state's STAR Program back to its previous format. The change, which was rolled out in 2016, is an inconvenience and disservice to all new homeowners. It is clear that the 2016 STAR Program plan does not serve the best interests of New York's residents, and I will continue to work on behalf of New York's homeowners to correct this error.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Miller

SENIOR CENTERS

Below are a number of senior centers that provide various activities and programs including exercise groups, travel clubs, and social events that keep you active and healthy.

DELHI SENIOR COMMUNITY
7 MAIN ST., DELHI – 607-746-8142

MEREDITH SENIOR CLUB
MEREDITH COMMUNITY CHURCH – 607-278-5830

HAMDEN SENIOR CLUB
HAMDEN TOWN HALL – 607-865-7892

BOVINA SENIOR CLUB
BOVINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – 607-832-4316

ANDES SENIOR CLUB
ANDES FIRE HALL – 845-676-3529

STAR vs. ENHANCED STAR

Senior citizens receiving Enhanced STAR are not affected by the new registration requirement. Seniors must, however, take steps to ensure that they continue to receive Enhanced STAR.

Seniors receiving Enhanced STAR who reside outside of New York City must continue to:

- **apply annually, or**
- **participate in the Income Verification Program.**

Visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/types.htm> to learn more about STAR and Enhanced STAR

STAR ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria are the same for both the STAR credit and the STAR property tax exemption. You can't receive both the credit and the exemption.

Eligible homeowners

	Basic STAR	Enhanced STAR
Residency	You must own your home and it must be your primary residence.	You must own your home and it must be your primary residence.
Age	No age restriction	65 or older For jointly owned property, only one spouse or sibling must be at least 65 by December 31 of the year when the exemption will begin.
Income	\$500,000 or less The income limit applies to the combined incomes of only the owners and owners' spouses who reside at the property.	For 2016 benefits, \$84,550 or less. For 2017, \$86,000 or less. The income limit applies to all owners and any owner's spouse who resides at the property.

EPIC

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program is a New York State program for seniors administered by the Department of Health. To enroll in EPIC you must:

- 1. Be a NYS resident age 65 or older;**
- 2. Have an annual income below \$75,000 if single, or below \$100,000 if married;**
- 3. Be enrolled or be eligible to be enrolled in Medicare Part D; and**
- 4. Not receive full Medicaid benefits.**

For more information regarding EPIC, or to apply, call 1-800-332-3742.

HEALTH CARE PROXY

New York Health Care Proxy laws allow state residents to appoint trusted family members or close friends to make healthcare decisions for them if they become incapacitated or unable to direct their own course of treatments. In order to appoint a health care agent, you must fill out a health care proxy form. For more information or to obtain the form itself:

- **Visit www.health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/health_care_proxy;**
- **Contact Assemblyman Brian Miller's office**

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