

SENIOR UPDATE

Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you and yours well. It's been a busy year creating and implementing polices and programs to support seniors. I want to share with you some of the legislation passed this year to improve your quality of life. If you have questions or if I can be helpful to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-240-8585 or email me at Patricia.Dillon@cga.ct.gov.

I look forward to hearing from you!

All my best,



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Strengthened senior programs that:

- Increased elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels funds by \$2.5 million.
- Established a new free prescription drug discount card for all Connecticut residents to save on medications.
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for services such as primary healthcare, physical therapy, and more.
- Eliminated some taxes on retirement income such as pensions, annuities, and Social Security.
- Expanded eligibility for seniors to participate in adult day services, serving those with early onset dementia and established a new Dementia Services Coordinator position.
- Expanded Latino outreach for behavioral services in greater New Haven will include Latino behavioral health outreach for seniors.
- Created a new pilot microtransit service for the Hill, West River, Dwight, Edgewood, Beaver Hills, and West Rock neighborhoods, to be built out in coming months. Microtransit is an accessible, on-demand mode of transportation using a smartphone app or phone number to request and schedule a ride within designated areas. Stay tuned for updates!



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

New Haven Dept of Elderly Services

203-946-8550

Medicare

800-633-4227

Office of the Healthcare Advocate

866-466-4446

Department of Social Services

855-626-6632

The Elder Justice Hotline

860-808-5555

United Way Infoline (General Assistance)

Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org

Department of Rehabilitation Services

800-537-2549

BHcare - Mental Health Services

203-736-2601

New Haven Police Department

(Non-Emergency) - 203-946-6316

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