

# SENIOR UPDATE

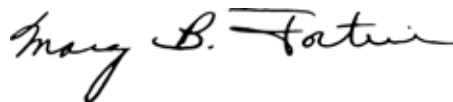
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Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you and yours well. It's been a busy year creating and implementing policies and programs to responsively support our seniors. I want to share with you some of the legislation passed last session to improve the quality of life for our senior residents. 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 [Mary.Fortier@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Mary.Fortier@cga.ct.gov).

I look forward to hearing from you!

All my best,



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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE **MARY FORTIER**

## Proudly helped pass legislation this session that:

- Eliminated even more taxes on retirement income such as pensions, annuities, and social security
- Established a new free prescription drug discount card for all Connecticut residents to save on medications
- Established a new Dementia Services Coordinator position to service Connecticut residents with dementia
- Strengthened patients' involvement in their homemaker care plans and streamlined the process for filing complaints
- Expanded eligibility for seniors to participate in adult day services, serving those with early onset dementia
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for services such as primary healthcare, physical therapy, and more
- Increased funding by \$2.5 million for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels



### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

#### **Bristol Senior Center**

860-584-7895

#### **Medicare**

800-633-4227

#### **Center for Medicare Advocacy**

800-262-4414

#### **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](http://www.211ct.org)

#### **Department of Rehabilitation Services**

800-537-2549

#### **BHcare - Mental Health Services**

203-736-2601

#### **Bristol Police Department**

(Non-Emergency) 860-584-3000

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