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2012 Laws Affecting Seniors

Dear Friends,

Seniors have dedicated a lifetime to serving their families, their communities and their country. Therefore as a state it is important that we respond to the needs and concerns of our senior citizens. In speaking to many of you, I have come to understand the issues that affect your daily lives. Thank you for the privilege of serving you.



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Veterans

Would you like to participate in the Veterans History Project by having your oral history recorded and archived? As an archive partner with the Library of Congress, Central CT State University assists in preserving the firsthand accounts of history for future generations from the men and women who witnessed and lived it. For more information please call (860) 832-2976 or check out the Project’s website at www.ccsu.edu/vhp.

Long-Term Care

A new law requires a nursing home, assisted living community or residential care home company to notify prospective and current residents if it is placed in receivership or files for bankruptcy.

Grandparent Rights

Grandparents can seek visitation rights by providing specific and good-faith allegations that (1) a parent-like relationship with the grandchild exists and (2) the grandchild will suffer real and substantial harm if the visitation is denied. In the end, it is important that decisions are made in a child’s best interests.

Elderly Rental Rebate Program

We have extended from four to six months the period for submitting applications under the rental rebate program for the elderly and totally disabled. Renters can now apply from April 1st through October 1st.

Insurance

Insurers will now be barred from charging a deductible for procedures a physician initially undertakes as a colorectal cancer screening colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy. Currently some insurers are charging a deductible when a polyp is discovered and removed.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Area Agency on Aging	800.994.9422
ConnPACE	800.423.5026
Consumer Protection	800.842.2649
CT Veterans Affairs	860.529.2571
CT Tax Department	860.297.5962
DSS Elder Services	866.218.6631
Healthcare Advocate	866.466.4446
Infoline	211
Medicare Hotline	800.633.4227
US Veterans’ Benefits	800.827.1000
Congressman Larson	860.278.8888
Unclaimed Property Hotline	800.833.7318
AT&T Customer Service	800.870.2020
CL&P Customer Service	800.286.2000
Yankee Gas	800.989.0900
Public Utility Authority	800.827.1553