

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

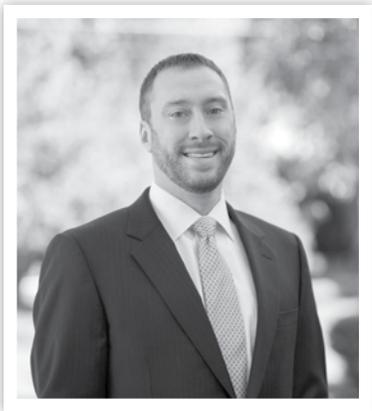
General Assistance	2-1-1
Department of Social Services	855-626-6632
Tax Department	800-382-9463
Consumer Protection	800-842-2649
Department of Veterans' Affairs	866-928-8387
Office of the Healthcare Advocate	866-466-4446
Medicare	800-633-4227
Center for Medicare Advocacy	800-262-4414
Connecticut Insurance Department	800-203-3447
CT Fair Housing Center	860-247-4400
Statewide Legal Services of CT	860-344-0380

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Dear friends and neighbors,

First, I want to thank you for your support as it is my honor to serve another term as your state representative. I will continue to work diligently to improve the quality of life for all seniors.

To help keep you informed and engaged in the legislative process, I will continue to send you updates on the actions taken by the legislature, particularly on the issues directly affecting our community. I hope you find this information to be of use and please know that I will represent our community to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,

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THE CONSUMER LAW PROJECT FOR ELDERS

The Consumer Law Project for Elders (a project of Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.) provides free legal assistance to Connecticut residents age 60 or over who have questions about consumer rights, debt or collection problems, receipt of bills for items never purchased, identity theft, bankruptcy, dispute of goods or services purchased and unfair and undisclosed loan terms. For more information, call 1-800-296-1467.

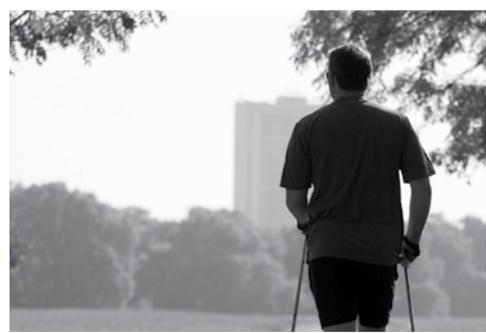


LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Many long-term care policies will pay for at least some in-home care. Consult your insurance company or agent. For more information about getting Long-Term Care Insurance, contact the Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care at 1-800-547-3443.

CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR ELDERS (CHCPE)

This program is appropriate for low-to-moderate-income families caring at home for someone 65 or over, who would otherwise be at risk of nursing home placement. There are different levels of eligibility based on income and/or assets. For more information, and to receive an application or make a referral, call the Alternate Care Unit at CT's Department of Social Services 1-800-445-5394.



THE CHOICES PROGRAM

For individuals age 60 and older and those with disabilities, the CHOICES Program provides help with Medicare and other related health insurance options. They also make referrals to appropriate agencies in order to help individuals access needed services. Contact a CHOICES counselor at 1 (800) 994-9422 for assistance and help in understanding the Medicare options available so that you can make an educated choice about your coverage.

KINSHIP FUND AND GRANDPARENTS AND RELATIVES RESPITE FUND

Under current law, the Kinship Fund and Grandparents and Relatives Respite Fund are available to people appointed guardians by the Probate Court, not just by the Superior Court as under prior law. The Probate Court administrator is currently responsible for administering the funds. If you or someone you know is a relative who is an appointed guardian of a child and does not receive foster care payments or subsidized guardianship benefits from the Department of Children and Families, you may apply for grants from these funds. Applications are available at the clerk's office of the Probate Court.

RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM

If you are elderly or disabled, you may be eligible to participate in the Renters' Rebate Program. Provided your income does not exceed certain limits, married couples can receive a rebate of up to \$900 or \$700 for single persons depending on income, and the cost of rent and utilities (excluding telephone). You can apply at your local social service agency or Assessor's Office between April 1st and October 1st. For more information, please call the Renter's Rebate Program Hotline at (860) 418-6377.

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