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### SENIOR NEWS

Connecticut residents are continuously facing difficulties. My office is here to help when you have questions or concerns with a state agency application or you would like more information on a particular program. Please see the information listed within this mailer. I am always available at 1-800-842-8267.

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# USEFUL NUMBERS INFOLINE 211 Consumer Protection 1-800-842-2649 CT Tax Department 860-297-5962 Healthcare Advocate 866-466-4446 Unclaimed Property Hotline 1-800-833-7318 ConnPACE 1-800-423-5026 CT Veterans Affairs 860-616-3600



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There are several programs that may help you in meeting your needs. I hope you find this information useful.

**CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR ELDERS** - This program helps Connecticut seniors who are physically and financially struggling to meet their basic needs. The services range from companion and homemaker services to home delivered meals. For more information, or to start the application process, please call 1-800-445-5394.

**MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON PROGRAM** - This program offers enhanced community services and support to people who have resided in nursing facilities for at least six months. This housing initiative has increased housing options for seniors across the state. To learn more please call 1-888-99-CT-MFP (1-888-992-8637) or email Money Follows the Person at MFP@ct.gov.

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS - There are a variety of beneficial programs that help you pay for your Medicare Part B premiums. Your income will determine for which program you qualify. It does not cost anything to apply or receive benefits from this program. You may even be eligible to have your deductibles under Medicare covered as well. Learn more by calling 1-800-842-1508.

**STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM** - This program is for Connecticut seniors and disabled persons for the purpose of supplementing their monthly income. To see if you qualify, call 860-424-5250 or toll free 1-800-842-1508.

**THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE (OHA)** - This office helped save consumers \$2.54 million in the first quarter of 2013. The independent state agency assists consumers with health plan issues like denials of coverage and unwarranted billing. OHA is a federally recognized consumer assistance program under the Affordable Care Act and will play a key role in outreach, education, and advocacy for new enrollees in 2014. If you are experiencing trouble with your healthcare coverage, call 866-466-4446.

Many of these programs are available through the Department of Social Services.

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