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SENIOR NEWS

The state has a responsibility to serve senior citizens in our community. The Department of Aging is dedicated to protecting seniors where they live, helping them afford housing, food, economic support, and medical care, and assisting with transitions. Edith Prague was named the new Commissioner on Aging by Governor Malloy in March. For more information, contact the Department on Aging at (860) 424-5274, agingservices.dss@ct.gov or visit www.ct.gov/agingservices. If you need additional assistance my office is ready to help.

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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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East Haven Celebrates Seniors

Senior Day - August 24th

12-3pm on the East Haven Green

Music | Food | Prizes

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA

According to the Alzheimer's Association, there are over 70,000 Connecticut residents with Alzheimer's or related dementias and this number is expected to grow, posing important challenges for both families and our long-term care infrastructure. In response, the Public Health Committee proposed legislation convening an Alzheimer's Task Force to create a comprehensive, strategic plan for strengthening services and support for patients and their loved ones. The task force will bring together state agencies, health care professionals, service providers, and caregivers to make recommendations on how best to prepare for the needs of this population.

ASSISTED LIVING

The Department of Housing's (DOH) assisted living demonstration program provides assisted living services to low- and moderate-income seniors living in government-subsidized elderly housing. PA 13-234 expands program eligibility to include tenants age 65 and older who are also eligible for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' (DMHAS) home and community-based program for adults with severe and persistent psychiatric disabilities. Prior law limited program eligibility to similarly aged tenants eligible for the Connecticut Homecare Program For Elders.

SYNCHRONIZING PRESCRIPTION REFILLS

'Prescription refill synchronization' means that all of a patient's prescription refills are coordinated to occur on the same day every month. This law protects patient's drug coverage by requiring that insurance companies cover prescriptions filled in a synchronized manner as long as the patient, their doctor and their pharmacist approve this medication plan. By simplifying the prescription refill process this legislation helps small pharmacies that traditionally offer home delivery of prescriptions, allowing them to cut down overhead costs by only delivering to a specific home once a month.

A REPORT ON THE SURVEY OF THE ACCESSIBILITY IN AND TO STATE BUILDINGS

In an effort to continue the state's initiative of streamlining services for the rapidly aging population and assess the state's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this law requires the Department of Administrative Services to provide a progress report on accessibility into and within state buildings. This legislation ensures that seniors have access to state buildings that provides essential services to Connecticut residents.

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