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SENIOR NEWS

Connecticut residents are still facing difficult times. 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. I am available at 860-240-8585.

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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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MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE
THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

LEARN MORE AT: WWW.CT.GOV/DSS

CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY - This program helps Connecticut seniors that are physically and financially struggling to meet their basic needs. Their 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 - Offers enhanced community services and support to people who have resided in nursing facilities for at least six months. This initiative has increased housing options for seniors across the state. Learn more by calling 1-800-842-1508.

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 for. 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 - Connecticut seniors and disabled persons may be eligible for a supplement to their monthly income. To see if you qualify, call 860-424-5250.

THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE (OHA) - Consumers saved \$2.54 million in the first quarter of 2013 thanks to OHA. 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.

CHARTER OAK PASS - Provides access to CT State Parks, including Gillette Castle and is available free to Connecticut residents, 65 years of age or older. You may obtain this pass in person at the following locations (proof of age and residency required): DEEP State Parks Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford (Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3 pm), or The Dinosaur State Park, West Street, Rocky Hill (9:00 am - 4:30 pm, Closed Mondays).