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## Senator Dilan Urges New Yorkers to Explore New Low-Income Prescription Benefits

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*New drug discount card for eligible New Yorkers, ages 50 to 64*

(Albany, NY)—The New York State Department of Health last month introduced **New York Prescription \$aver** (NYP\$), a free discount card that can help reduce the cost of prescriptions for lower income New York residents by as much as 60 percent.

“This will soften the blow for many who count on medications to go about their daily lives. The cost of some drugs, when compounded by the national economic downturn, can really hit hard,” said Senator Martin Malavé Dilan (D-Brooklyn).

New Yorkers ages 50 to 64, or disabled of any age, are eligible to join. The eligible annual income limits are: single incomes of \$35,000 and joint incomes of \$50,000. Those eligible for the NYP\$ plan, once enrolled, can save as much as 60 percent on generic and 30 percent on brand-name drugs.

NYP\$ is sponsored by New York State and supported by more than 3,700 pharmacies and

pharmaceutical manufacturers who are generously providing these discounts to you. Under the plan, you will receive a cash discount at the pharmacy when you present your card at the counter. Most outpatient prescription drugs are eligible for a discount.

“No one should have to forgo treatment due to economic hardship. I urge every New Yorker who falls between ages 50 to 64, relies on medication and is having a tough time keeping with the costs to explore this option thoroughly,” said Senator Dilan.

To view a list of participating pharmacies in Brooklyn, learn more about NYP\$, see if you qualify and fill out a form, visit: <http://nyprescriptionsaver.fhsc.com> or call the toll-free helpline at 1-800-788-6917.

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