

COURTESY OF SENATOR BRIAN KAVANAGH

IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

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Senator Kavanagh is working to support seniors in our Lower Manhattan communities and wants to make sure you are aware of resources that may be helpful to you. Please contact our office if you have any questions or need assistance!



Senator Kavanagh is working to improve the quality of life for seniors.



Senator Kavanagh helped enact legislation and a State Budget to:

- **Increase funding for the State Office for the Aging by \$30 million**, including more support for **Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs)** and State efforts to **prevent elder abuse**.
- **Provide grants to local senior centers** in Lower Manhattan.
- **Eliminate insulin co-payments** for most health insurance plans.
- **Stop hospitals from suing patients** with low- or moderate-incomes for medical debts.
- **Provide tougher oversight of nursing homes** when their operators want to close them, **legislation Senator Kavanagh and Assemblymember Harvey Epstein passed** in response to a local nursing home closure (S.2984, awaiting the Governor's signature).
- **Automatically enroll seniors in the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** if they already receive Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC), to make it easier for seniors to get help with energy bills (S.8760A, awaiting the Governor's signature).

As the Housing Committee Chair, Senator Kavanagh negotiated **funding for more senior and supportive housing** and a **new law to protect New Yorkers from being evicted without good cause** (NYS Budget SFY 2024-25). He is working to expand the **Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE)** and **Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)** programs, to help keep housing affordable for more seniors (S.2960A).



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If you have any questions, or if we can help in any way, please call us! 212-298-5565



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Enhanced STAR (65+)

The Enhanced STAR program is a property tax benefit that saves senior homeowners hundreds of dollars.

Visit: www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

HEAP can help you with the cost of heating or cooling your home.

Visit: www.ny.gov/services/apply-heating-and-cooling-assistance-heap

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program (65+)

EPIC can help you pay for your prescription drugs.

Visit: www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic

Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) (62+) and Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE) (65+)

The NYC Public Engagement Unit (PEU) can help determine SCRIE/SCHE eligibility.

Phone: 929-252-7242

Visit: nyc.gov/RentFreeze

Elder Abuse Hotline

Phone: 800-247-8035

Visit: www.ovs.ny.gov

Know Your Rights While Receiving Medical Care

Information about your rights during a medical visit or stay can be online.

Visit: www.health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/patient_rights

Medicaid

Apply for Medicaid assistance at NY State of Health.

Phone: 855-355-5777

Visit: www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov

Finding More Resources

Services for seniors can be found through NY Connects.

Phone: 800-342-9871

Visit: www.nyconnects.ny.gov



Senator Kavanaugh and Assemblymember Grace Lee celebrating centennarians at the Chung Pak Mid-Autumn Festival.