

# Patient Advocates Program Telephone Teach-ins

We invite you to participate in our FREE phone conference teach-in

**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 am—11:00 am

**Theme:** Learn About Using Pooled Trusts for Medicaid Eligibility and the Advantages they can Afford Persons Qualifying for Medicaid Funded Home Care.



**Speaker:** Sarah Szewczyk, Director of Outreach and Community Relations for the NYSARC Trust Services

**Call in number:** 1-605-475-6333; **Access code:** 6258645

## Session Overview:

Many elderly and younger persons with disabilities who seek Medicaid funded community services often struggle to pay for basic life expenses, such as housing and utilities, in order to meet their monthly Medicaid spend down requirements.

A pooled community trust is a special type of trust allows qualified individuals to be eligible for Medicaid community services while maintaining a supplemental fund to pay for living expenses such as housing costs.

If an older person or their family are thinking of applying for Medicaid community services such as home care it may be very useful to consider looking into the benefits of joining a Community Pooled Trust.

### In this session, you will learn about:

- ⇒ The purpose of a pooled supplemental needs trust & how it can help people with disabilities qualify for community based long term care & Medicaid benefits such as home care.
- ⇒ What types of services a trust can pay for (such as rent or mortgage, utilities, phone, cable groceries and other personal needs, irrevocable pre-need funeral arrangements).
- ⇒ Who is eligible to participate and the types of proof of disability needed to qualify.
- ⇒ The advantages of using a pooled community trust.
- ⇒ How much a pooled community trust costs the participant.
- ⇒ The advantages of participating in a trust vs. applying for community Medicaid through the standard monthly spend down process.
- ⇒ How to get assistance for applying to participate in a trust.



**ALL TEACH-INS RUN  
FROM 10:00—11:00 AM.**

**REMINDERS:**

- Our next Teach-in will be on Tuesday, October 22nd.
- If you missed one of our past Teach Ins, you may access recordings and any session materials on our website at **[www.nysenior.org](http://www.nysenior.org)**.
- Please see our website for announcements of future sessions.

## Caller Instructions and Other Information

- The sessions are in presentation mode but the line will be opened for participant questions and comments after the speaker has finished their presentation.
- Materials from Teach Ins are posted on our website [www.nysenior.org](http://www.nysenior.org)
- When on our website,
  1. On the navigation bar, click on **Our Helplines**
  2. In the drop down menu, click on **Patient's Rights Helpline**
  3. Under "**Information for Hospital Patients**", click on **Telephone Teach-in**. This will take you to additional information about past Teach ins, powerpoint presentations and other important notes.

# Call 800-333-4374 to reserve your spot!

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