

New York StateWide Senior Action Council

MEMBER UPDATE

September 2021



Maria Alvarez

StateWide Members - ZOOMING INTO THE FUTURE At Our 2021 Annual Convention

This year, again, we will be holding another Virtual Annual Convention in October. As usual, the schedule offers a full complement of topics that address every aspect of our advocacy.

Our top-of-the-line experts are organized into panels that can't be missed:

- Updates on **Medicare and Social Security**;
- **State Legislators' Panel** on emerging issues in light of a new Governor and health and economic policies in the spotlight;
- Federal officials' discussion on the **Future of Health & Aging**;
- The popular **Advocate's Panel** on social, economic, environmental, and consumer justice....**and much more!**

As always, our final session consolidates all of this information and provides us with the tools to advocate for our communities and **Take it Home!**

All are welcome to join us, and members register for the virtual convention without charge. And although it may be free – you know it is priceless! So spread the word about StateWide to your

friends and family so we can also be their trusted source for the latest information to improve the lives of older residents.

As always, call us at **800-333-4374** if you have any questions, concerns about Patient Rights, need tips to prevent Medicare fraud or need help during Medicare Open Enrollment.

We will see you at Convention!

Maria Alvarez, Executive Director

THIS YEAR:

- **Adoption of the Public Policy Agenda on OCT. 6** - members can observe proceedings if registered for this event.
- **Workshops and Presentations will take place on October 12-14** and open for all members and non-members.
- This will be a **ZOOM event** and participants may **join by computer or phone**.
- All **2021 paid members** will attend the convention at **no cost**. There will be a charge of **\$150 for those who are not members** wishing to attend.
- **Register online at www.nysenior.org** or see page 3 for a registration form.

Medicare, Medicare Fraud and Patient's Rights Helpline 800-333-4374

STATEWIDE 2021 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

10 AM - Noon

Adoption of the Public Policy Agenda
(Members Only)

2021 CONVENTION

TUESDAY, OCT 12

10:00 AM - Noon

WELCOME MESSAGES

Mario Henry, Board President, StateWide

Hon. Charles Schumer*, U.S. Senator

Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand*, U.S. Senator

The Future of Aging and Health

Speakers: **Kathleen Otte**, CMS Regional Director;

Rhonda Schwartz, ACL Regional Director

BREAK (1 hour)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Executive Director Report

Speaker: **Maria Alvarez**, StateWide Executive Director

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

StateWide's Community Telehealth Access

Program (CTAP) Speakers: **Stefania Buta** and **Melissa Kinney**, Community Outreach Organizers, Central NY

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Speakers: **Michael Burgess**, Community Caregivers; **Kim Swire**, Shenendehowa Neighbors Connecting; **Nina Lynch**, Rhinebeck at Home

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The Future of Social Security & Medicare

Speaker: **Dan Adcock**, National Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare

WEDNESDAY, OCT 13

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Fighting Fraud, Protecting Your Future

Speaker: **Gary Brown**, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the NYS Attorney General

Health Care Fraud on a National Level

Speaker: **Rebecca Kinney**, Director, Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling (OHIC), Administration for Community Living (ACL)

Take Charge: How to Prevent Healthcare Fraud

Speaker: **Beth Nelson**, NYS SMP Director

BREAK (1 hour)

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Medicare Benefits Update

Speaker: **Eric Hausman**, Medicare Expert, StateWide Consultant

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

The Future of Hospital and Nursing Home Care

Speakers: **Amanda Dunker**, Community Services Society;

Cynthia Rudder, PhD StateWide Consultant leading our **Virtual Resident Family Action Council**

Lois Uttley, Women's Health Program Director, Community Catalyst

*invited

MEDICARE
2021 OPEN
ENROLLMENT
OCT 15 - DEC 7



STATEWIDE 2021 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCT 14

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Introduction to Advocacy

Speakers: **Barb McBurnie**, **Mary Pritchard**,
Bob Sinacore, StateWide Public Policy
Committee members

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Emerging Public Policy Issues

Speakers: **Lara Kassel**, Medicaid Matters NY
Sarah Ludwig, Founder and Co-Director,
New Economy Project
Blair Horner, Executive Director, NYPIRG
Randy McCullough, Deputy Executive Director,
NYS Funeral Directors Association

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Legislator Panel

Panelists: **Assemblymember Gottfried**, NYS
Assembly Health Committee Chair;

Assemblymember Kim,

NYS Assembly Aging Committee Chair;

Senator May, NYS Senate Aging Committee Chair;

Senator Rivera*, NYS Senate Health Committee
Chair

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Taking it Home

Speaker: **Gail Myers**, StateWide Deputy Director

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Register today for our 2021 Virtual Convention: ZOOM into the Future

PAID MEMBERS CAN REGISTER FOR OUR CONVENTION AT NO COST. REGISTER ONLINE OR FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL* BY OCT 2, 2021. Please check box:

☐ Membership ☐ Convention Registration (**no fee for members**) ☐ Non Member Registration \$150

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Organization _____

FOR CONVENTION REGISTRATION—Check box:

- ☐ I will be joining the convention over the internet using a tablet, computer or smartphone.
☐ I will be joining the convention by phone.

Reserve my space for: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Adoption of the Public Policy Agenda (members only) **Oct 6, 10 AM - 12 PM**
☐ 1 or more Convention Sessions (everyone) **Oct 12 - Oct 14**

Not a member yet? JOIN NOW and RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR CONVENTION—Check box:

- ☐ Individual Membership \$20/year ☐ Couple Membership \$25/year
☐ Organization Membership \$75/year ☐ Lifetime Membership \$150/year

Enclosed is \$_____ payable by check to NY StateWide Senior Action Council

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SENIOR ACTION COUNCIL'S

★ **VIRTUAL 2021 CONVENTION**
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