

2022 Taking it Home

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They Come to YOU



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They Work for YOU



***“Your organization has done so much on both the state and federal levels... just last month you helped me a great deal as we finally achieved a decade long goal of allowing the government to negotiate drug pricesyou’re the wind beneath my wings.*”**

US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer

***“Congratulations to all of you at NY StateWide Senior Actionn Council for celebrating 50 years working on behalf of New York’s older adults & their families. I’m so grateful to StateWide for everything you do.... and to welcome you to a number of my press conferences. I have always appreciated the opportunity to learn from you and hear more about the issues and priorities you care most about.”*”**

US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand





**April 1: Press Conferences:
Lowering Medicare
premiums & prescription drug
costs for low income seniors.**

Picture 1: Bob Sinacore (left), Albany Chapter President, and Kim Swire (right), Saratoga County Chapter President, with NY Senator Kirstin Gillibrand at Marra's Pharmacy, Cohoes

Picture 2: Ann Converso (right), Erie County Chapter President, and Senator Kirstin Gillibrand (left) at the Cheektowaga Senior Center

They Work With YOU

“StateWide – your impact cannot be understated.

Thank you all for the great work that you do.”

NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli



***“Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary.
Your endurance is a testament to your
effectiveness....The work that we do could not be as
effective without the close collaboration of the Senior
Action Council...to look out for fraudulent practices
& the exploitation of our seniors.”***

NYS Attorney General Tish James

They listen to you



“Consumer advocacy is so important to identify and compel government to meet community needs.”

NYS Commissioner of Health
Mary Bassett, MD



Medicaid Matters NY @MedicaidMtrsNY · 9h



Thank you [@DrMaryTBassett](#) who reminds us “Medicaid remains an important program for seniors” at StateWide Senior Action Council annual convention. [@HealthNYGov](#) [@NY_StateWide](#) [#MedicaidMatters](#)



They Know You



For many accomplishments in his career, StateWide has been there with him fighting for patients' rights.

Assembly Health Committee Chair Gottfried



StateWide patients rights work informs her about issues and led to reopening nursing home for visitors and the soon to be appointed Task Force on Long Term Care.

Senate Aging Committee Chair May



Dr. Rachel May @SRachelMay · 12h



It was an honor to attend the [@NY_StateWide](#) conference this week and recognize their remarkable 50 years of serving New York's seniors with info and advocacy on Medicare, SSI, EPIC, and so much more.



NON partisan

- Just because you hear R vs D..... It's because of who is in power, and who is controlling votes.
- Politics does impact policy
- But we are non-partisan



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New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc.

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Patient's Rights - To assist all New Yorkers in asserting their patients' rights regarding quality coverage and access to health care services.



Medicare Health and Prescription Drug Coverage - To educate and assist Medicare beneficiaries and their families to make informed decisions regarding health care coverage.



Services & Benefits for Seniors - To help find state, local & federal services and benefits available to seniors.



Medicare Fraud Prevention - To empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers to prevent, detect and report health care fraud, errors and abuse.

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2022 OPEN
ENROLLMENT 
Oct. 15th – Dec. 7th

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counselors that provide free and unbiased
advice on health care options. Call 800-333-4374



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COSTS HARD
TO SWALLOW?**

GET EXTRA HELP.

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Federal - Medicare Drug Costs Addressed

- Beginning next year, insulin co-payments for Medicare recipients would be capped at \$35 a month.
- As of 2024, those with costs high enough to qualify for the program's "catastrophic coverage" benefit would no longer have to pick up 5 percent of the cost of every prescription.
- Starting in 2025, out-of-pocket costs for prescription medicines would be capped at \$2,000 annually.
- Medicare authorized to negotiate drug prices.

NYS - Benefit levels improved starting January 2023

Program	Current	2023 Expansion
MEDICAID	<p>Income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ About 87% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)▪ \$934/month single \$1367/month couple <p>Asset Limit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ \$16,800 single▪ \$24,600 couple	<p>Income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 138% FPL▪ Approx. \$1563/month single \$2106/month couple <p>Estimated 2023 Asset Limit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single \$28,134▪ Couple \$37,908
MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM	<p>Income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 135% FPL▪ \$1529/month single▪ \$2,060/month couple <p>Asset: None</p>	<p>Income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 186% FPL▪ \$2107/month single▪ \$2838/month couple <p>Asset: None</p>

When thieves steal from Medicare there is less money for the healthcare you really need.

An Estimated \$1,000 is LOST

Per Medicare Member

Through Theft or Waste

Each Year



www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2018/medicare-scams-fraud-identity-theft.html

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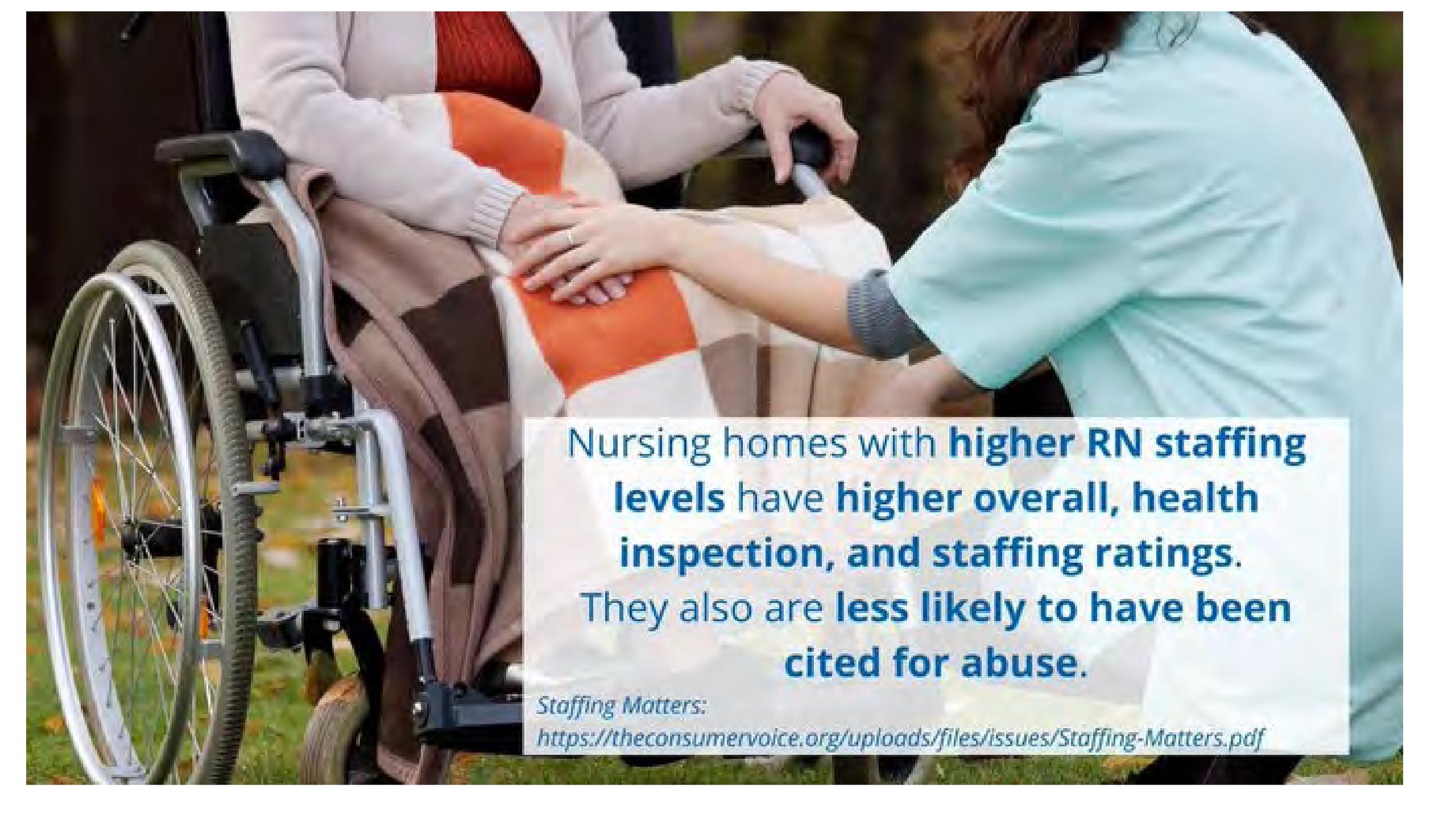
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Volunteers*

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Nursing homes with **higher RN staffing levels** have **higher overall, health inspection, and staffing ratings**. They also are **less likely to have been cited for abuse**.

Staffing Matters:

<https://theconsumervoice.org/uploads/files/issues/Staffing-Matters.pdf>



CMS Encourages States to Use Medicaid Payments to Nursing Homes to Drive Better Health Outcomes for Residents and Improve Staffing

In support of President Biden's plan to improve the nation's nursing homes, CMS outlines actions for states to improve safety and quality of care for residents

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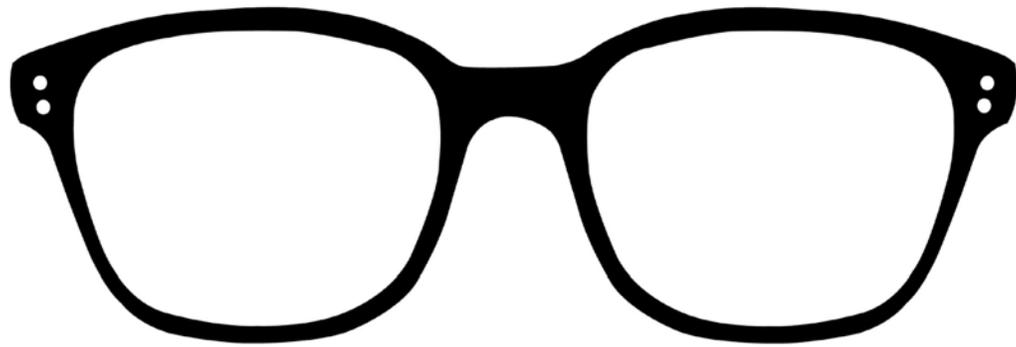
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The fight for freedom and independence continues.

That includes **expanding home and community-based services**
so seniors and people with disabilities are free to live at home in dignity.

And it means **expanding Medicare to cover dental, vision, and hearing**
so seniors are free to eat, see, and hear.

Eyes, Ears, & Teeth Matter!



Tell Congress NOW is the time to add coverage for these to Medicare.



Without Social Security, the elderly poverty rate in the United States would increase from **9.2 percent of seniors** to nearly **40 percent.**

#SocSec85



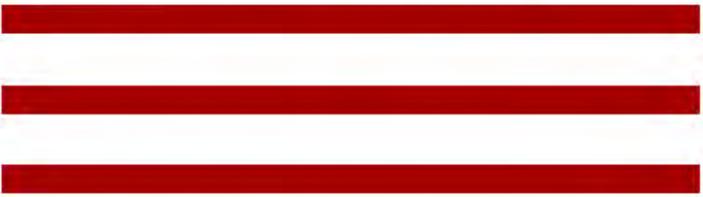
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HEALTH



**DO YOU HAVE
MEDICAL BILLS
YOU CAN'T PAY?**

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What is **MEDICARE**
for **ALL** 



No out of pocket prescription drug costs



**No private insurance premiums, co-pays,
or deductibles**



Comprehensive benefits including long-term care

MEDICARE
for ALL 

COVID-19
exposed the
inequities in
our health
care system



Be An Informed Voter

Be prepared to ask federal candidates these five questions to understand their positions:

1. Will you work to expand and improve Social Security and Medicare?
2. Do you believe that Social Security & Medicare need to be 'reformed' to close the deficit? If yes, are you doing that to protect only today's beneficiaries and sacrificing the promise for future retirees?
3. Do you support lifting the payroll wage cap so that the wealthy pay their fair share for Social Security?
4. Will you push to empower Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices directly with Big Pharma?
5. Do you support expanding traditional Medicare to include hearing, vision, dental coverage and long term care?

Be An Informed Voter

Be prepared to ask State Assembly and Senate candidates these five questions:

1. Will you work to provide adequate funding for aging services to meet the needs of a growing older population that wants to age with dignity in their own communities.
2. Will you join efforts to end the home care workforce shortage by promising a living wage by supporting the Fair Pay for Home Care bill.
3. Do you support providing every New Yorker with access to quality health care services by providing Improved Medicare for All through the New York Health Act?
4. Can I count on you to support action to end medical debt by requiring hospitals to offer payment plans and financing assistance before sending a case to collection services?
5. What solutions do you have to ensure quality care in our nursing homes?



**Stopping
the flu
starts
with
you.**

An elderly man with glasses, wearing a blue surgical mask and a green tank top, is shown from the chest up. He has a white bandage on his right shoulder. The background is a solid dark red color.

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