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Living Well in Indiana Guide for Older Hoosiers

State Prescription Programs

With the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs, it's no wonder our older Hoosiers need to take a step back and plan their budgets accordingly. In Indiana, senior citizens spend \$1,000, on average, annually for prescription costs. For some, paying for medications means making difficult choices.

In January 2006, Indiana created a new program to assist Medicare beneficiaries, age 65 and over, to pay for a Medicare Prescription Drug plan. Medicare offers prescription drug coverage for everyone with Medicare. This is called "Part D." This coverage may help lower the cost of prescription drugs and help protect against higher costs in the future. The program can also provide greater access to drugs used to prevent diseases. The plans are run by insurance companies and other private companies approved by Medicare. Part D is optional.

If you join a Medicare drug plan, you usually pay a monthly premium. However, if you decide not to enroll in a Medicare drug plan when you are first eligible, you may be penalized if you decide to join later. If you have limited income and resources, you could qualify for additional help paying your Part D cost. For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

There are also other programs for which you may qualify. In this packet, you will find information about **Rx for Indiana**, a partnership which provides information on prescription assistance programs that may be of assistance to you. These increasing costs are negatively affecting so many seniors in our state. If your budget is affected by medication expenditures, I encourage you to examine your benefit options.

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A Partnership for Prescription Assistance

A New Resource...

Rx for Indiana was created by the state of Indiana and a number of leading pharmaceutical companies to provide information to Hoosiers regarding the many prescription assistance programs available to them. *Rx for Indiana* provides access to more than 150 company patient assistance programs and access to more than 1,200 medicines for free or at a low cost. Doctors may be able to help choose medicines for their patients that are covered by these excellent assistance programs.

Q: How widely used are prescription assistance programs?

A: In 2004, patient assistance programs provided more than 22 million prescriptions with an estimated wholesale value of more than \$4 billion. *Rx for Indiana* was created to make sure our state can build upon these successes.

Q: What information is helpful to begin exploring assistance options for myself or for someone else?

A: It is helpful to make sure you have the following information on hand:

- Patient's age
- State of residence and ZIP code
- Estimated gross annual household income
- Number of people living in household
- Brand name of prescription medicines they are currently taking or have been prescribed
- Type of health insurance and/or prescription coverage

How to Access the Information...

Visit:

www.RxforIndiana.org

Patients without direct computer access may use the following resources: community or public Internet centers, public libraries, religious organizations, retirement communities, universities or college campuses, etc.

**or Call Rx for
Indiana toll free at:**

1-877-793-0765

For more information

on this prescription assistance program or help with obtaining an application, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 1-800-382-9841.



OPTIONS

Your Long Term Care Solutions



The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) manages the Indiana Medicaid program which includes the funding of long-term care for more than 25,000 older Hoosiers. In the past, it was easier to get the Medicaid funding for traditional nursing home care than for any alternative long-term care services. Through the FSSA Division of Aging, the OPTIONS program has been developed to promote and support the full range of long-term care options for older Hoosiers.

Today there are a variety of ways that older Hoosiers can receive long-term care, and the state of Indiana is taking steps to assure that Medicaid will pay for these alternative services. The decision for which long-term care option to choose should be based on the needs and wishes of the older Hoosier and not restricted by which options Medicaid will cover.

The OPTIONS Program Services

Home Health Care and Home-Based Care Services include services that are provided in an individual's own home based on a written plan of care. In this arrangement, trained personnel regularly visit the home where they may provide skilled nursing services, personal-needs care, and homemaker assistance. The objective is to provide adequate support for the individual to live safely in his/her own residence.

Adult Day Services is the type of long-term care where adults go from their homes to a facility where a variety of services may be provided. Programs are designed to enhance the participants' abilities to function well in their own homes. Transportation to and from the site is often provided, as well as meals. By using adult day services, the family members or friends who are caregivers can maintain routine activities, knowing that their loved ones are in a safe and familiar setting.

Congregate Care is a relatively new concept in long-term care. In this type of care, a number of individuals needing support live in their own homes, but live near others who need the same or similar level of care. The services are based on individual plans of care. This setting offers ease of access to activities and services to support the residents in a community setting.

Adult Foster Care is modeled after the traditional foster care plan for children. Like other foster care, the individual lives full time in a private home. The host family provides a separate bedroom and all meals for the foster adult as well as facilitates social activities as appropriate. Medicaid compensates the host family for providing these services.

Assisted Living is a popular option where individuals live in their own apartments or residences usually within a single building or planned complex. Various levels of services are available and can be adjusted as needed. A range of meal plans is provided, as are social activities.

Nursing Facilities serve those individuals who are unable to live independently and need custodial care, physical or occupational rehabilitation or skilled nursing services. In addition to the medical care, there are social and recreational activities. These are residential facilities licensed by the state of Indiana.

Information about the OPTIONS program, including detailed information about different long-term care services and funding, is available on a special OPTIONS Web site: www.LTCOPTIONS.in.gov.



TELEPHONE SCAMS

Don't Be a Victim

Unfortunately, “older” consumers are a key target for fraudulent telemarketers. They try to take advantage of seniors who may be more trusting and polite toward strangers than those of a younger generation. Special targets of these phone calls are women who live alone.

There are several reasons why people become victims of telemarketing fraud. Telephone con artists are skilled in speaking in a believable manner. It is often hard to know if the person is telling the truth or if the call is a scam.

Many times, a con artist may call you at a time you are feeling lonely or depressed. They may even call several days in a row to make you feel they are a friend. Then you begin thinking it is a friend, not a stranger, who is trying to sell you something.

Others may just not want to be rude to the person on the phone. It is particularly difficult for some seniors. Even if they are not interested in the item being pitched to them, they have a hard time getting the salesman off the phone. It is not easy for them to hang the phone up on someone who is still talking to them.

Con artists love to use free gifts, prizes or vacations as a lure to buy their “product.” You may even be offered the “investment of a lifetime,” but only if you act right away. It usually sounds too good to be true—and it almost definitely is. It is important not to give in to them. People lose everything from a few dollars to their life savings due to these scams.

Nationwide, people lose an estimated \$4 billion in mail scams and \$40 billion in telemarketing fraud each year. Too often, the targets for these scams are seniors. The following is a story of how one senior woman fell victim to one such scam.

An 86-year-old woman had been living in a nursing home for five years. Her husband lived with her, but had many health problems and high medical bills. She struggled to handle their finances and was beginning to be buried in debt. With one simple phone call from a telemarketing con artist, this woman’s life became much worse than she ever imagined.

As she cleaned up from her and her husband’s breakfast, her telephone rang. The person on the other end asked her what seemed to be a few simple questions about how she and her husband liked the home they were

currently living in. When the woman said she was not totally pleased with the treatment at the home, the telemarketer told her he had a way to make their lives easier. He said by donating to a senior citizens charity once a month, he could help her receive the kind of care she had always wanted. So with that, she wrote a check and sent it to this so called “charity.” A month went by and she did not hear anything from the gentleman who had called. Then one day he called

again and informed her that she needed to donate more each month in order for him to better serve her. This continued for several months without the woman receiving any of the benefits promised to her. In total, this woman lost close to

\$10,000. The phone calls and the “charity” were all a scam. Because the woman did not check out this “charity” with anyone, she could not sue the man who took her money. Stories such as this one make us all realize how important it is to research every telemarketing call that sounds too good to be true. Chances are, it is.

If it sounds too good to be true, chances are, it is.

How You Can Protect Yourself

- 1) Never buy over the phone with unfamiliar companies. Check them out first with your local consumer protection agency, such as the Better Business Bureau or the state Attorney General.
- 2) Always ask for and wait to receive brochures or information about any offer. Ask someone whom you trust, such as your lawyer or financial adviser to review the information to ensure it is legitimate.
- 3) Take your time making a decision! It is not rude to wait and think an offer over. Again, talk things over with someone you trust like a family member or friend.
- 4) Don’t ever accept an offer you do not fully understand. Con artists are clever and can easily leave out important details that may later come back to haunt you.

More Information on Telephone Scams

Scams take place day after day, and the only protection against these is education. Telephone companies, telemarketing services, and phony businesses can all be the source of a con. Although there are laws against many of these scams, they continue to occur due to lack of recognition or reporting.

Telephone slamming and cramming are two of the most popular scams used by telephone companies. Slamming is the transfer of a consumer from one phone company to another without the consumer's knowledge or consent. This happens most commonly with long distance phone service, but also could occur with local phone service as competition increases. Rates charged by the slamming company may be higher than those charged by your previous provider. Slamming violates Indiana law, and the rules from the Indiana Regulatory Commission (IURC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Cramming occurs when charges are placed on a consumer's phone bill for services that were not requested or used by the consumer. Several services can be crammed, including those with no relation to telephone service, such as voice mail, web page development, or toll free calls that automatically roll over to toll calls (900 numbers). Cramming also violates Indiana law, the IURC and FCC rules.

The "Do Not Call" List

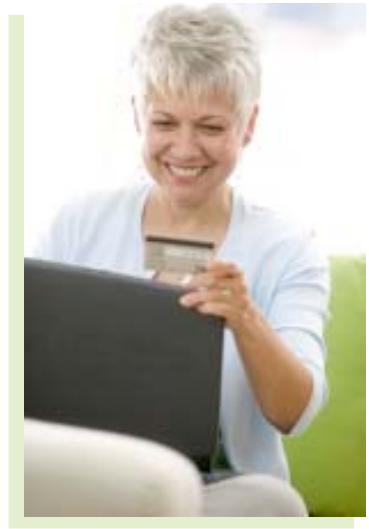
How frustrating is it to answer the phone in this day and age? It is even more frustrating to those who are home all day. Can you remember the day when it was almost exciting to pick up your telephone, or to go out to pick up the day's mail? Now, we usually receive solicitation calls asking for money. Or sometimes we receive calls selling us merchandise we do not need. Even calls intimidating us into subscriptions for yet another magazine we could probably do without, although the telemarketer will do their best to convince you otherwise.

As this solicitation problem has become apparent not only in the district I represent, but statewide, in 2001, the General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act 1222. Under this legislation citizens will have the opportunity to place their name on a **"DO NOT CALL"** list, which is maintained by the Attorney General's office. The number to call is **1-888-834-9969**. You must act fast as there are deadlines for each quarter.

I also have a few tips on how to get your name off these phone and junk mail lists:

- The first step is to ask a solicitor that calls you to take your name off their list. Most major companies will honor these no-call requests.
- Next, make your credit rating confidential to reduce the amount of credit services who solicit. You can write your local credit bureau, call the banker's association, or one of the three major credit services in the country to establish a confidential credit rating.
- Reduce the number of at-home telephone solicitation calls from national companies. You can write to the Telephone Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014, and request removal of your name and number from all marketers' lists.

Using Your Credit Card Wisely



Avoid giving credit card numbers on the Internet if at all possible.

If you know and trust the company and all security protocols have been met, then it is probably okay to give it out. To ensure your number is safe, the information should be encrypted using the latest technology.

Just because a Web site seems secure, don't believe that it is.

Always check out the encryption software a site uses. Contact the company that is providing the technology to make sure that it is actually being used. If at anytime, you are unsure about the site, ask for an alternative form of payment.

Always read the fine print.

If you receive information on a pre-approved credit card, or someone offers to help you get a credit card, read the details first. You need to know about any annual fees, the annual percentage rate, late charges and other fees. Sometimes a company will offer incredibly low rates for a short time and then raise it to a huge percentage. If the terms of the offer are not provided or are unclear, look for a different credit card. Furthermore, tear up or shred any mail you receive from creditors before throwing it away. This helps protect you from identity theft.

You do have the option to remove your name from the list that major credit card reporting agencies sell to companies that send out pre-approved offers. The opt-out service is available at www.OptOutPrescreen.com. OptoutPrescreen.com, a joint venture among Equifax, Information Service, LLC, Experian Information Solutions, Inc., Innovi's Data Solutions, Inc., and TransUnion, LLC, allows consumers to opt-out of receiving pre-approved credit offers.

You can also opt-out via telephone by calling 888-5-OPT-OUT (888-567-8688).

Shop around before deciding on your card.

Terms vary widely from company to company. There are many different kinds of cards, including secured cards, telephone calling cards, debit cards, and ones that can only be used via catalog orders. Make sure you are aware of what kind of card you are getting so that it can serve you in the best possible way.

Never pay upfront fees.

Legitimate credit card companies will not ask you for a fee upfront in order to get the card. If you are applying for a secured card, which often does require a deposit, make sure you understand how your deposit will be used. Do not pay someone to help you get a credit card. If your credit record is good, you should have no problem getting a card yourself.

Do not abuse your credit.

Credit card debt is a big problem with Americans because so many people take on more credit than they can handle. Do not apply for more cards than you have to have, and do not charge more than you can afford. If you cannot pay the entire balance each month, be sure to choose the credit card with the lowest interest rate.

I Internet Scams



How you can avoid them...

1.

Only do business with companies you know and trust. Resolving problems with a company from another part of the country or world can be incredibly difficult. Make sure you know where the company is physically located and that it is not just located on the Internet. Always deal with those you know.

2.

Make sure you understand the offer. Any legitimate company will be willing to discuss an offer thoroughly with you and even give you extra information if necessary. Always look over the information in full. You should fully understand what is being sold, how much it costs, the delivery date, the return and cancellation policy, and the terms of any guarantee.

3.

Do background research on the company. Find out by asking your state or local consumer protection agency if the company is licensed or registered and find out where. You can also obtain complaint records from the Better Business Bureau or other consumer agencies. Keep in mind that fraudulent companies can appear and disappear quickly, so even if there is no complaint record, it does not mean a company is legitimate.

4.

Do not provide your financial or other personal information easily. Unless you know a company is legitimate, do not provide any credit card numbers, your social security number or any other personal information. Even with partial information, con artists can do a lot of damage.

5.

Take your time to decide. High-pressure sales tactics are a sign of a con. Make sure you take your time to make a final decision on a purchase.

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and Prize Offer Tips

Do not play to win.

Some companies will try to convince you to buy a product or service to enhance your chances of winning. Don't do it! Prizes are supposed to be free. You should not have to pay fees to win or collect a prize. And remember, if you are required to call a 900 number it is not a free call. You are being forced to pay to "win."

Do not give out your credit card or bank information.

Social security numbers, credit card numbers and bank numbers are your own private information. Do not give them to any company who claims it is needed to verify your eligibility. No legitimate sweepstakes or prize offer will ask for this to declare you a winner.

No money should be needed to pay taxes.

Only the government collects taxes on prize winnings! The only checks you will have to write for taxes are to the federal, state, and local government. If the company tells you that you need to send them money to cover the taxes before you can be awarded your sweepstakes or prize, hang up. There is no prize.

Again, investigate the business in question.

Always assume the business may be a fraud. Do not ever trust a company without first checking it out with the Better Business Bureau or your local consumer protection agency. Con artists may use names that sound familiar to those you have heard, but do not be fooled.

Better Business Bureau Tips on Bogus Charities

Many households experience a flood of mail and phone requests for donations from charities or relief agencies, especially around the holidays. Unfortunately, many of these charities are not valid.

If you haven't donated to a charity in the past, be sure to check it out.

Be sure to obtain enough information to make a wise decision before donating. Any legitimate charity will be more than happy to provide you with any information you request. Check out charities with the **Better Business Bureau** before sending a check or agreeing to donate.

*The Council of Better Business Bureaus
4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1838*

Be careful with emotional appeals.

The stories these charities use often are touching and can literally bring tears to your eyes. However, many times they do not tell you how your donation will be used. If the charity is valid, it will clearly state its purpose.

Do not give cash if at all avoidable.

If the charity asks you to give cash to a runner or carrier that can stop by your home or place of employment, be careful. If your money is good today, it will be good tomorrow. You should write a check for the donation, but not make it out to a single person. Use the official name of the charity.

If you do not want to donate money, there are other ways to support your favorite cause:

- 1) Volunteer to work for the organization. Most charities need your time and help just as much as they need your money.
- 2) Donate food items, canned goods, or assist with food drives in your neighborhood.

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Understanding Which is Which

Medicare

Medicare is a **federal** program for seniors who are over 65 years of age. **Medicare Part A** provides coverage for inpatient care in hospitals and Medicare Part B covers medical service. It is best to call your local Social Security Office three months prior to your 65th birthday to make sure you are properly enrolled under **Medicare Part A and B**. Some senior citizens may qualify for assistance in meeting their premiums and deductibles if they are on a limited income. Please contact your local office to see if you are eligible.

Supplemental Social Security Income

If you have income problems and you are 65 or older, blind or disabled, the **federal** SSI program may help you. If you are eligible, you can receive monthly checks to help pay for your basic needs. SSI is operated by the Social Security Administration (SSA). Many individuals receive both SSI and Social Security benefits. However, you do not have to receive Social Security benefits in order to be eligible for SSI. You can apply for SSI benefits at your local Social Security office. For further information on SSI benefits and eligibility, please feel free to contact the SSA at **1-800-772-1213**. You may apply over the telephone. **To receive a free copy of the Supplemental Security Income Fact Sheet, send a postcard to AARP Fulfillment, 601 E. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20049 and request publication D14755.**

The Energy Assistance Program

This program is funded through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and administered by your **local** Office of Family and Children. Eligible applicants can choose to receive a fan or a payment toward their electric utility bill if their household contains at least one member who is elderly or disabled. If a person is disabled and has a medical note from their physician they may be eligible for an air conditioner. Please contact your local community action agency to sign up for this program.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Family and Social Services Administration at: P.O. Box 7083, Indianapolis, IN 46207 by mail or you may reach them by phone at 1-800-433-0746.

The C.H.O.I.C.E. Program

The C.H.O.I.C.E. program is a **state** home health care alternative that allows seniors to remain in their homes rather than move to a nursing home; thus preserving their independence. C.H.O.I.C.E. services include attendant care, transportation, home delivered meals, home health services and supplies, and respite care. Medicaid waivers allow Indiana to provide services to individuals who would otherwise require care in an intermediate or skilled nursing facility. The Aged and Disabled Waiver serves individuals who are 65 years and over as well as individuals who have disabilities and meet the Medicaid guidelines. Seniors must also meet the level of care standards of a nursing facility.

For further information, please feel free to contact:

Family and Social Services Administration
P.O. Box 7083
Indianapolis, IN 46207
(317) 232-7020

Medicaid

Medicaid was created to provide health care to low income individuals at the **state** level. Persons aged 65 or older are eligible for Medicaid if they meet the financial criteria described in the "Medical Eligibility Overview." Currently these thresholds are set at \$564 per individual and \$846 per couple. To determine your eligibility for Medicaid, please contact your local Office of Family and Children for more information.

Preventing IDENTITY THEFT

**In order to better protect yourself,
it is helpful to know some of the ways identity thefts can occur.**

Thiefs:

- Steal wallets and purses containing personal identification and credit/bank cards
- Steal mail, including bank and credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, new checks, and tax information
- Complete a change of address form to divert mail to another location
- Rummage through trash, or the trash of businesses, for personal data in a practice known as “Dumpster Diving”
- Find personal information in homes
- Use personal information from homes
- Use personal information individuals share on the Internet
- Send e-mail posing as legitimate companies or government agencies with which individuals do business
- Get information from the workplace in a practice known as “business record theft” by stealing files out of offices where a person is a customer, employee, patient or student, bribing an employee who has access to personal files, or “hacking” into electronic files.

How to Avoid Identity Theft

All consumers should take the following steps to prevent identity theft from occurring:

- Review credit reports from each of the three major credit bureaus once a year
- Place passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts
- Secure personal information in your home
- Ask about information security procedures in your workplace
- Don't carry your social security card with you; leave it in a secure place
- Don't give out your social security number unless it is absolutely necessary; ask to use other types of identifiers when possible
- Don't give out personal information over the phone, through the mail or over the Internet
- Guard your mail and trash from theft
- Destroy offers of credit received in the mail that you do not respond to; you may choose to opt-out of receiving free offers of credit (see page 6 for opt-out info.)
- Carry only the identification information and the number of credit/debit cards that you actually need
- Pay attention to your billing cycle - follow up with creditors if bills do not arrive on time
- Be wary of promotional scams
- Keep your purse or wallet in a safe place at work
- Notify your credit card company if you are planning to travel out of state

Preventing IDENTITY THEFT

What to do if you are a victim of identity theft

If you are a victim of identity theft, or believe you may be a victim, it is important that you take the following steps:

- Place a fraud alert on your credit reports and review your credit reports
- Place a security freeze on your credit reports
- Close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently
- File a police report and ask for a copy for your records
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and the Attorney General's Office
- Write down the name of anyone you talk to, what he/she told you, and the date of the conversation
- Follow up in writing with all contacts you have made about the identity theft on the phone or in person. Use certified mail, return receipt requested, for all correspondence regarding identity theft
- Keep all copies of all correspondence or forms relating to identity theft
- Keep the originals of supporting documentation, like police reports and letters to and from creditors; send copies only
- Keep old files, even if you believe the problem is resolved. If it happens again, you will be glad you did.

Identity Theft Protection Act

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing financial crimes. Nearly 10 million Americans fall victim each year to this crime. This innovative law provides a pro-active approach for Hoosiers to take enabling them to stop thieves from getting credit in their names. A security freeze locks, or freezes, access to the consumer credit report and credit score. Without this information, a business will not issue new credit to a thief. When the consumer wants to get new credit, they use a PIN to unlock access to the credit file (this will be done within a 15 minute time period). There will be no fee to place, temporarily lift or remove a security freeze and all Hoosiers are eligible for this new important weapon to prevent identity theft, which will be effective on September 1, 2007.

For instructions on how to place a security freeze on your credit report, you can log on to: www.consumersunion.org/pdf/security/securityIN.pdf. You may also call my office at 1-800-382-9841 or the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-382-5516.

Tax Deductions for Seniors

Property Tax Deductions

The Indiana General Assembly has enacted several tax deductions for you to take advantage of. Deductions must be filed before May 10 of the year you would like to take effect and any changes made after the year you filed, must be filed again in order to continue receiving the deductions.

Types of Deductions:

Homestead Credit – If you own or are buying a home, you are entitled to an 18.5 percent property tax credit (pay 2007) for your primary residence. If you qualify for the Homestead Credit, then you also receive a standard deduction of \$45,000 or one-half of the assessed value, whichever is less.

Mortgage – If you have a mortgage, you may receive a deduction of \$3,000 or one-half of the assessed value of the property, whichever is less.

Blind or Disabled – A \$12,480 deduction from the assessed value is available to blind or disabled persons. The deduction applies to real property used as the primary residence if the person's taxable gross income was less than \$17,000 in the preceding year.

Senior Citizens – Anyone age 65 year or older qualify for a \$12,480 deduction from the assessed value of their property under the following conditions:

- Their combined adjusted gross income does not exceed \$25,000
- They have owned property for more than one year
- If the assessed value of the property does not exceed \$182,430 (pay in 2008)

Seniors utilizing this property tax deduction may not receive another deduction other than mortgage and homestead deductions.

Veterans – Veterans and their spouses can receive various deductions. Please contact your county auditor for more information.

Other Tax Deductions:

Inheritance Tax – “Class A” beneficiaries, who include each child, parent, grandchild and grandparent, can receive a \$100,000 inheritance tax deduction.

Renters - You may be able to deduct up to \$2,500 of the rent paid on your Indiana home.

Income Tax – Property tax deduction up to \$2,500

Income Tax – Seniors with a maximum income of \$40,000 are eligible for a \$1,500 tax deduction. Seniors with an income exceeding \$40,000 are eligible for a \$1,000 tax deduction.

Long Term Health Care - Indiana has a Long Term Care Insurance Program, which is an innovative partnership between the State of Indiana and private long term care insurance companies. The premiums paid for this policy are eligible for a deduction.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.in.gov/dor/individual/seniors.html>

CUTTING THROUGH THE RED TAPE



For your future reference, we have put together this helpful list of important contact numbers.

We as legislators try to provide you with as much information as possible. Hopefully, this guide will provide you with health information and good programs that are available. However, I'm sure not all your questions can be answered in this small publication. Therefore, below is a list of numbers that should give you further assistance. As always, I am available for any questions or comments you may have.

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

Adult Protective Services
1-800-992-6978

Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-800-5556

Child Development Bureau
1-887-511-1144

Child Support Bureau
1-800-840-8757

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
1-800-962-8408

Disability Determination Bureau
1-800-622-4968

Disability, Aging, Rehab. Services
1-800-545-7763

Family Help-Line
1-800-433-0746

Family Support Services
1-800-622-4932

Food Stamp Information/Complaint
1-800-622-4932

Housing/Community Services
1-800-622-4973

Medicaid, Food Stamps, TANF, Section 8 Housing Fraud
1-800-446-1993

Medicaid Recipient Info
1-800-457-4584

Medicaid Provider Fraud
1-800-382-1039 (Attorney General's Office)

Medicaid Select
1-877-633-7353

Mental Health Consumer Service
1-800-901-1133

Nursing Home Complaints
1-800-622-4484

State Information Center
1-800-457-8283

General State Phone Numbers

IN House of Representatives Toll Free Line
1-800-382-9841

IN Senate Toll Free Line
1-800-382-9467

Governor Mitch Daniels
1-317-232-4567

State Information Center
1-800-45-STATE

State Tourism
1-800-289-6646

Secretary of State- Consumer Protection
1-317-232-6531

General Federal Phone Numbers

Federal Information
1-800-688-9889

U.S. Senator Richard Lugar
1-202-224-4814 or 1-317-226-5555

U.S. Senator Evan Bayh
1-202-224-5623 or 1-317-554-1750

Social Security Administration
1-800-772-1213

Veterans Affairs
1-800-400-4520

Medicare Hotline
1-800-MEDICARE

State Representative Tim Harris
200 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
1-800-382-9841
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