

RESOURCES FOR CAREGIVERS

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This is a summary of resources providing financial, social, and/or legal help for those caring for older persons in Hunterdon County. Eligibility limits shown are basic and approximate. **For specific, current, and comprehensive information, contact the agencies listed.**

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FOR MEDICAL CARE (LIVING WILL)

Signed and witnessed or notarized directions regarding health care, prepared in advance in the event one becomes incompetent (no longer able to communicate such wishes).

Hunterdon Medical Center.....908-788-6143

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES available on internet.....908-788-1361

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS:

Day and evening support groups. Individual counseling.

Hunterdon Regional Community Health-908-788-6401
General Caregiver Group ext. 3002
Dementia Support Group

CARE MANAGEMENT:

Oversight by a professional of the care of an individual, including carrying out an initial assessment of care needs, and developing a care plan. Caregiver pamphlets are available for mailing.

Hunterdon County Division of Social Disabilities & Veterans Services908-788-1361
Older Adult Program.....908-237-2364

CONSERVATORSHIP:

A legal arrangement through the courts with the approval of a person to handle there assets and business affairs. This is a revocable document. An attorney can accomplish this.

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY:

Same as conservator ship, except this remains valid if the grantor becomes incompetent.

FREE SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Services performed by trained volunteers to help older persons

- Friendly Visitors Program..... 908-782-4357 or 800 272-4630
Weekly visits to older persons. Also, matching of homebound persons for telephone visits.
- Medical Transportation.....800-272-4630
Transport to/from medical appointments when regular LINK service does not meet the need.
- Bill Payers908-788-1361
Assistance with monthly budget, bill paying, record keeping. Income eligible program.
- S.H.I.P (Senior Health Insurance Program).....908-788-1361
Assistance with Medicare and insurance claims, policy comparison, PAAD, Lifeline, and Senior Gold
- V.I.T.A. (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)by United Way.....211
Preparation of simple income tax forms
- Shoppers by Hunterdon Helpline.....800-272-4630
Grocery and prescription shopping for homebound persons.
- Logisticare(Medicaid only).....866-527-9933

GUARDIANSHIP:

A legal arrangement through the courts in which a person is appointed to handle the assets, business affairs, and health care decisions for a person who can no longer handle these affairs on their own.

This can be accomplished by:

- An Attorney Or
Volunteer Guardianship One on One..... 908-788-4893 Ext. 716
Provide complete guardianship services to adults who have no willing family members or friends and are in need of such services.

HEARING ASSISTANCE:

HAAAD (Hearing Aid Assistance for the Aged and Disabled) -
New Jersey program offering \$100 rebate after purchase of a new hearing aid.

*Eligibility for program: 65 years of age or over or recipient of Social Security.
Disability benefits. For eligibility guideline, applications and/or help with application process.*

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HOUSING - booklet available-

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HOSPITAL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

Reduced charge for hospital care for persons with limited income, and assets of no more than \$3,000 for individuals, \$6,000 for families.

Business Office at Hunterdon Medical Center908-788-6100
This program is available at other hospitals also.

INFORMATION, REFERRAL, ADVOCACY:

Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services908-788-1361

IN-HOME CAREGIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

One-on-one education provided in the home environment to improve caregiver ability and effectiveness.

Visiting Health and Supportive Services908-788-6138

IN-HOME CARE SERVICES:

Care provided in the home by nurse, home health aide, or therapist. Financial assistance Determined by patient's income and assets (home excluded). Co-pay may be requested.

Hunterdon Medical Center Home Health Department908-788-6138
Home Health Services-Prescribed care eligible for Medicare payment

In Home Care Services (cont`d)

- Hunterdon Older Adult Program908-788-6401
Counseling in home by professionals.
- Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services908-788-1361
Listing of home health care agencies serving Hunterdon County
- Hunterdon Hospice908-788-6600
Care for the terminally ill. Most costs covered by Medicare.
- Hunterdon Helpline.....or 800-272-4630
Free daily telephone calls to assure welfare of homebound persons
- JACC - Jersey Assistance for Community.....908-788-1361
- HMC Safeline908-788-6550
*Emergency Call Units worn, which enable you to call for help
24 hours a day. Monthly fee; reduced rates for low income.*
- Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc908-284-0735
Home-delivered meals for homebound persons; suggested donation.

RESPITE CARE

Care provided to give relief to regular caregiver. Care may be in home, adult day care Center, or nursing facility. Financial assistance available per patient's income.

- Respite Grant - Visiting Health and supportive Services908-788-2544
Adult Day Services:
 Briteside I (Flemington)908-782-8080

LIVING TRUST:

A trust account, which may be established as revocable or irrevocable, into which one places part or all of one's assets, usually for the purpose of avoiding probate and taxes for one's heirs. An attorney is needed to prepare this trust.

MEDICAID:

Federal/State financial assistance program for medical expenses of impoverished.

- Medicaid - Hunterdon County Division of Social Services.....908-788-1300

Quailified Income Trust- Hunterdon Division of Social Services

Assistance with medical expenses for person age 65 and over or disabled who have income and/or assets that are insufficient to meet their medical expenses, but too high to qualify for Medicaid.

Hunterdon County Division of Social Services908-788-1300

MY PERSONAL INFORMATION HANDBOOK:

A booklet where entries can be made with important information and location of documents which will be needed in the event of one's illness or death. Also includes a checklist of duties for the executor of an estate. Donation of \$1.00 requested

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NURSING HOME:

A book published by the New Jersey Department of Health as a guide to persons who must select a nursing home.

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PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE:

Eligibility for programs: 65 years of age and over or recipient of Social Security Disability benefits; Based on moderate annual income.

P.A.A.D. (Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled)
New Jersey program offering prescriptions for \$5.00 - \$10.00.

Senior Gold-

New Jersey Program offering prescriptions for \$15.00 co-pay, plus one half of the remaining cost. Once a cardholder incurs an annual out-of-pocket expense in unreimbursed costs, prescriptions for the year cost only the \$15 co-pay. Must participate in a Medicare Part D plan. Income based.

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Medicine Program -

A non-profit group which does paperwork involved in applying for various assistance programs through pharmaceutical manufacturers. Programs provide prescription medications without charge to physician for distribution to patient. Eligibility based on need and no other insurance or assistance for medications. Physician's cooperation required.

POWER OF ATTORNEY:

A legal instrument through which one grants specific and limited financial powers to another. Only one who is competent may grant this power of attorney, and it remains valid only as long as the person remains competent. This can be accomplished by an attorney and in some cases a banker.

QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries)

Payment of Medicare Part B premium, and Part A and Part B deductibles and co-payments, for persons 65 and over. Income eligible program.

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SELF-PROVEN WILL

A declaration of how one wishes to have his/her possessions distributed after death, which has been signed and witnessed along with a notarized affidavit relieving the witnesses of the obligation of being present at time of probate.

Surrogate of Hunterdon County908-788-1156

SLMB (Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB))

Payment of all or part of Medicare Part B premium for Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and resources. Must apply for PAAD and/or Lifeline first.

SLMB applications available through PAAD.....800-792-9745
Assistance to fill out SLMB application is available at the Hunterdon County
Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services.....908-788-1361

SOCIAL SECURITY:

Information on retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance programs, Supplemental Security Income and Medicare.800-772-1213

SSI (Supplemental Security Income):

Monthly income for persons 65 or older, or disabled, or blind, who have very low income and assets.

Social Security Administration800-722-1213

UTILITY ASSISTANCE:

- LIFELINE -800-792-9745
New Jersey program offering \$225 annual utility credit. Income eligible program. Must have applied for PAAD.
- HEA (Home Energy Assistance) LIHEAP/USF.....908-454-4778
.....908-782-0612
Financial aid for home heating/cooling according to income and family size.
- Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services908-788-1361

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