

LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT *Our Seniors*



Eliminating the Retirement Tax

Michigan's tax on pensions robbed seniors of their promised retirement benefits for more than a decade. To ensure every senior gets the retirement they deserve, I voted to repeal this unfair tax. After Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed this bill into law, nearly **500,000 seniors** are saving **\$1,000 every year**.



Expanding Access to Health Care

My colleagues and I have made it a priority to advance policies that support accessible, affordable health care for every senior in our state, including legislation to:

- ✓ **Protect the Affordable Care Act and residents with pre-existing conditions.**
- ✓ **Strengthen our home health care system so seniors can age with dignity.**
- ✓ **Expand access to preventative health services such as vaccines.**



Keeping Our Seniors Safe

To address the serious and growing concern of elder abuse and exploitation facing Michigan seniors, I supported legislation that would provide the tools needed to better prevent, detect, and prosecute all forms of elder abuse by:

- ✓ **Improving protections for vulnerable adults.**
- ✓ **Expanding financial exploitation penalties.**
- ✓ **Increasing support services for vulnerable adults.**

These bills were passed by the Senate and now await further action in the Michigan House.

LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

The burden of high drug costs falls hardest on our most vulnerable residents, including seniors. That's why I joined my colleagues to pass legislation that would give our state a vital tool to protect consumers and bring much-needed fairness, transparency, and accountability to drug pricing in our state. By creating a Prescription Drug Affordability Board here in Michigan, we can hold Big Pharma accountable while making life-saving medications more accessible for those who need them most.

These bills have been voted out of the Senate and sent to the House for their consideration.



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2025 SENIOR SERVICES NEWSLETTER

Dear Neighbor,

Seniors like you have spent decades contributing to the fabric of our community, and as a result, you deserve to have a joyful and secure retirement. While chaos continues to come from Washington as the Trump administration attempts to cut crucial programs like Medicaid and food benefits, I'm doing everything in my power at the state level to push back and ensure you have access to the benefits you need.

This newsletter will provide you with helpful resources in addition to information about important legislation we've recently advanced in the Legislature.

If you ever need assistance navigating state government or would like to share feedback or suggestions, you can contact my office via email or by phone. Here's how:

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Email: SenJMoss@senate.michigan.gov

Working for you,

Jeremy Moss
President Pro Tempore of the Michigan Senate
State Senator for District 7



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM *Medicare Scams*

Fraudsters posing as Medicare “representatives” are calling unsuspecting consumers about their Medicare coverage and asking for Medicare ID numbers or other personal information, such as a Social Security Number or date of birth. Once scammers have this information, they can use it to make unauthorized changes to your Medicare plan.



Here are some important tips to protect yourself:

- ✗ **Never give your Medicare number or other personal information to an unknown caller.** *You are always able to get information on Medicare plans without providing an ID number. The only time the Medicare ID number is required is when you are actively enrolling in a plan.*
- ✗ **Do not give out your personal information if someone calls or visits your home and says they’re from Medicare.** *The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will never call or send someone to your home to ask for personal information or check your Medicare number.*
- ✗ **Don’t always trust caller ID.** *Scammers use technology to make it look like they are calling from a legitimate business or government agency.*
- ✗ **Ignore anyone who calls saying you must join their prescription drug plan, or you will lose your Medicare coverage.** *While it is true that there may be a penalty if you delay enrolling in the Medicare prescription drug plan (also known as Part D), that coverage is voluntary.*
- ✗ **Don’t trust mailers that appear to be government communications but are advertisements for private companies.** *These mailers will sometimes have a disclaimer, but it may be buried in small print.*

MEDICARE COVERAGE: Medicare.gov or (800) 633-4227 • MEDICARE SCAMS: Michigan.gov/DIFSCComplaints or (877) 999-6442

BE AWARE OF *Toll Road Scams*

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is warning drivers of the newest toll road scam, which includes an imposter government website that mimics MDOT’s official site but carries a different URL address. **MDOT reminds all drivers that Michigan does not have toll roads and will never solicit payment via text or include threatening verbiage to avoid late fees or harsh penalties.**

To stay safe, please remember that government agencies:

- ✗ Will not request personal information through email, over the phone, or text.
- ✗ Will never demand money through email, over the phone, or text. They will mail you a notice and offer payment options.
- ✗ Do not ask for or take payment by prepaid gift card, wire transfer, cryptocurrency, or a payment app.



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Meals on Wheels

No one should go without access to healthy meals. If you, or a senior you know, are struggling to pay for food or cook for yourself, Meals on Wheels can help.

This program provides five nutritious meals per week to homebound older adults. They also offer liquid nutrition for those who are unable to eat solid food and who have a prescription from their physician.

For more information or to determine if you’re eligible, contact **Detroit Meals on Wheels at (313) 446-4444** or **to find your local Oakland County Meals on Wheels program contact Age Ways at (800) 852-7795.**

To qualify for Meals on Wheels, an adult must be:

- 60 years of age or older;
- Homebound (e.g., unable to leave home without assistance and unable to drive);
- Unable to cook for themselves;
- Have no one willing or available to prepare meals on a regular basis; and,
- Able to feed themselves.

Senior Services

Oakland County Health Division

1200 N Telegraph Road
Pontiac, MI 48341
(248) 858-1280
Health@oakgov.com

Wayne County Senior Services

3600 Commerce Court, Building E
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 326-5202 or (800) 851-1454
seniornutrition@waynecounty.com

If you’re looking for information on senior services available in Oakland and Wayne Counties, check out the Older Adults’ section of the Oakland County website at **Oakgov.com** and the Seniors’ section of the Wayne County Senior Services website at **WayneCountyMI.gov**. Both websites have helpful information, including resources about housing, health, medical, legal issues, and local services.

Adult Protective Services, for reports of suspected abuse and neglect...	(855) 444-3911
Ageways Nonprofit Senior Services	(248) 357-2255
Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, for cases of identity theft..	(877) 765-8388
Attorney General, Office of Elder Abuse	(800) 242-2873
Bridge Card (EBT) – Customer Service	(888) 678-8914
Disability Ombudsman.....	(800) 288-5923
Domestic Violence Hotline	(800) 799-7233
Elder Care Services	(800) 677-1116
Elder Law of Michigan, Inc.	(866) 400-9164
Energy Assistance	211
Medicare & Medicaid Beneficiary Help Line	(800) 642-3195
Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAF).....	(800) 803-7174
Medicare, includes Part D for pharmacy	(800) 633-4227
MI Enrolls – Medicaid Managed Care.....	(888) 367-6557
MI Dept. of Health & Human Services, Medicaid Beneficiary Support....	(800) 642-3195
Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman	(866) 485-9393
Michigan Stroke Network	(866) 522-8676
Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency	(800) 642-4838
MI Bridges Help Desk	(844) 799-9876
National Alliance on Mental Illness.....	(248) 773-2296
Nursing Home Complaints.....	(800) 882-6006
Relay Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing	711
Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention	(855) 864-2374
Social Security Administration	(800) 772-1213
Substance Abuse Hotline	(800) 662-4357
Suicide Prevention Crisis Hotline	(800) 273-8255
TAX statements for Adult Home Help	(800) 292-2550
THAW – The Heat and Warmth Fund	(800) 866-THAW (8429)