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Public Information and Help Sessions Regarding Changes to EPIC, New York State Senior Prescription Plan Enrollment

Legislator Susan Zimet, Chairman of the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee joins Anne Cardinale, Director, Ulster County Office for the Aging in announcing that Laura Mulvihill, Regional Representative for the NYS EPIC program, will be available to answer questions regarding recent changes to EPIC. She will be at the Ulster County Office Building on Thursday, May 31, from 10 AM – 2 PM, Library Conference Room, 6th Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.

Those Senior Citizens living in Ulster County may have received letters from EPIC, the New York State Senior Prescription Plan, informing them that a recent change in New York State law requires EPIC seniors to enroll in Medicare Part D. Prior to this legislation, seniors could be enrolled solely in EPIC.

By enrollment in both EPIC and a Medicare Part D plan, it is anticipated that seniors will realize a savings in the cost of co-payments, and EPIC will pay the cost of the basic Medicare drug plan.

The letters have listed the names of the plans for which they will pay full monthly fees. Based on the EPIC enrollees' current prescriptions and the pharmacy that they have been using, EPIC has pre-selected a plan for them.

EPIC enrollees may, if they wish, select a different plan, and inform EPIC of their choice. This must be done by June 5.

Seniors who are unable to attend this session may call the Ulster County Office for the Aging (845) 340-3456, to make an appointment with a HIICAP (Health Information and Insurance Counseling Program). The program is staffed on a part-time basis by volunteers.