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## Introduction

The Ulster County Office for the Aging is pleased to provide this guide to services for our elderly. It is an attempt to consolidate in a single document a listing of available resources and programs for those who are living in our community and in good health, progressing through the moving into a setting which can provide services to meet their needs, in community-based home health care, assisted living, nursing homes, and hospice care.

This publication, Caring for Our Seniors: A Guide to Programs and Services for Senior Care, is a first step in compiling a comprehensive data base of services available to senior citizens in Ulster County.

It begins with a discussion of services and programs for Ulster County Senior Citizens who are living in the community who require minimal service to maintain their well-being, and progresses through home care, adult homes, assisted living, nursing homes to hospice care, either in home or in a hospital setting.

It is a living guide, subject to change as programs and services are added or removed. It is our hope that it will serve as a starting point for those of you who either need assistance for yourself or for a loved one.

The information in this guide has been carefully checked, and was current at the time of publication. However, since programs are often dependent on the funding stream, as well as volunteers and paid staff to implement them, it is recommended that you check with the program to determine if it still exists in unchanged format. For this reason, telephone numbers and, where possible, addresses are provided with each listing.

The staff of the Ulster County Office for the Aging is available, weekdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to provide further assistance or help you with any questions you may have. You may reach them by telephone at (845) 340-3456 (toll free 1-877-914-3456), or by coming in to the office, which is located at 1003 Development Court, Kingston, NY 12401.

#### **Ulster County New York Connects**

A"No Wrong Door" guidance to the spectrum of Long-Term Care Services Janet Y. Caffo, Director Continuing Care Services + Coordinator, NY Connects (845) 334-5307

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Throughout the state, the New York State Office for Aging and the Department of Health are working with local Offices for the Aging, Social Services and Health Departments to empower individuals to make informed choices and to streamline access

to long-term care services. Long-term care services refers to the wide range of in-home, community-based and institutional services and programs that are designed to help the elderly and individuals with disabilities of all ages.

The vision of the program is to provide an accessible, coordinated and personcentered long term care system that: supports self-determination and promotes personal responsibility; provides services that meet consumer needs; provides quality care, and provides efficiency and affordability.

There are multiple benefits of implementing a system that supports selfdetermination and promotes personal responsibility. It will:

- empower and create opportunities for consumers and their caregivers to make informed choices about their long-term care that balance cost, access and quality;
- be easy for consumers and their caregivers to understand and use;
- respect consumer choice by providing consumers and their caregivers with unbiased comprehensive information about available long-term care options.
- involve consumers and their caregivers in the planning, evaluation and decision making for long-term care, so that supports are guided at all levels by consumer needs and preferences.

The "No Wrong Door System" is designed to provide services that meet consumer needs:

- supports social and physical wellness by keeping people functional and connected with their communities;
- makes comprehensive and coordinated service options available in a wide variety of settings;
- supports all persons to live as independently as possible as long as they desire and are able to do so; and,
- supports innovation through new delivery and flexible financing models, and through the use of technology.

# Section A: Services and Programs Provided by the Office for the Aging

# Ulster County Office for the Aging

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The Ulster County Office for the Aging, a branch of Ulster County government since 1975, is part of a statewide network of local offices for the aging, and shares the same mission statement as the New York State Office for The Aging Agency:

It is the mission of the Ulster County Office for the Aging to Assist older New Yorkers to be as independent as possible through advocacy, development and delivery of person centered, consumer-oriented, and cost-effective policies, programs and services which support and empower the elderly and their families, in partnership with the network of public and private organizations which serve them.

The Ulster County Office for the Aging is an umbrella agency, concerned with the physical, mental, emotional, financial and social well-being of county residents aged 60 and over.

OFA offers a wide range of services and programs, either directly, contractually, or through referral and/or recommendation to assist seniors as they progress along the continuum of care.

This guide has been designed to provide a comprehensive overview of those services which are available locally.

Many of the listings discuss services and programs which allow senior citizens to remain in their homes, living independently, or semi-independently, as long as possible.

When the need for care becomes greater than can be fulfilled at home, other alternatives are explored.

Caring for Our Seniors explains programs which the agency itself provides, and assists seniors, their families and caregivers to learn about other services available within the county. As you go through, you will find cross-references to other, related services which are also described in the guide. We encourage you to use the index, as well.

Staff at Ulster County Office for the Aging is available Monday through Friday

from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. to provide additional help, and you are welcome to call or visit.

Please note: all listings are current and available at the time of publication. However, services, locations and times are subject to change, and you are encouraged to call to ensure that the program information is still correct.

# Service category: Case Management

Case Management is a comprehensive program which looks at the many facets of seniors' needs and problems, then works with the clients to set up a care plan to address the issues.

Ulster County Office for the Aging can provide case management to senior citizens (age 60 and over).

These services include the Expanded in-Home Services for the Elderly Program, a uniform program of case management, non-medical in-home services, non-institutional respite and ancillary services, such as lifeline and safe return bracelets, for the elderly who need long term care, but are not eligible for Medicaid.

**How the process works:** Case managers meet with clients in their homes to discuss their desires, strengths and needs, and together, they set up a plan for action.

This includes incorporation of Office for the Aging direct services including home delivered meals, subsidized day care, personal care, home care or Lifeline.

The case manager assists the client to apply for entitlements such as SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) funds if they have no one to assist them.

The case manager assesses the client's housing. If needed, the case manager assists the client to apply for or obtain home modification through the Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL) or applying for Senior Housing, if that is necessary.

The case manager works with families and caregivers to help incorporate them into the plan of care and prevent burnout. This includes Caregiver Support Groups facilitated by OFA.

The case manager assists clients either directly or through referral to obtain services from other agencies such as the Department of Social Services, Veterans' Administration, Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Alzheimer's Association.

As the client needs a more protective environment, the case manager, assists the individual to obtain placement in an assisted living facility or nursing home. The case

manager will also assist the client to apply for chronic care Medicaid, and to assist with the PRI (Patient Review Instrument) required for placement in most facilities if they have no one to assist them. For more information, call (845) 334-5125.

#### Service category: Financial Counseling and Tax Preparation

Appointments are available for free tax counseling and tax preparation for Ulster County residents who are disabled or age 60 and over.

The program is administered by the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) volunteers who have been trained in basic, intermediate and advanced tax preparation.

The program is designed to assist persons with low and medium income, and volunteers are able to prepare both non-itemized and itemized tax forms, including Schedules A, B and D. They are also able to file returns electronically.

This program is held at several locations throughout Ulster County, on an appointment only basis. The service is available from February 1 through mid-April of each year. For information about sites or to make appointments, call (845) 802-7190.

#### Service category: Health Screenings and Physical Well-being

#### **Healthy Ulster Seniors (Care-A-Van)**

The Ulster County Office for the Aging provides a regular schedule of free health screening and education programs throughout the county.

The purpose of **Healthy Ulster Seniors** is to promote good health, prevent health-related problems through education, provide early detection and to inform/connect seniors with available community services. This outreach does not replace regular visits to your own physician.

The following early detection and screening tests are provided free of charge to all Ulster County residents aged 60 and over:

- Blood Glucose (diabetes)
- Health Inventory (height, weight and medical inventory)
- Hemoglobin (blood test to measure iron/anemia)
- Urine Screening

So, look for us doing our traditional screenings, health assessments, services referrals and presentations at health fairs, meal sites, community centers, senior meetings and senior housing units.

The schedule of dates and locations is available on the Ulster County Office for the Aging website, http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/aging/careavan.htm, in the S.C.A.N. (the free

county-wide newspaper for seniors), the Senior Gazette, local newspapers and senior clubs. Appointments are not necessary.

### **Physical activity programs:**

Each year, the Ulster County Office for the Aging partners with several agencies to sponsor the senior games which are held in May.

#### Service category: Home Care

For those seniors who are able to remain at home, but require help to do so, the Ulster County Office for the Aging maintains a registry of Nursing and Homemaker Service Providers.

Services are provided to those people with temporary or chronic needs who cannot perform day to day tasks, and range from assistance in shopping, meal preparation, laundry and other household tasks, as well as bathing and grooming.

They all charge a set hourly fee. For more information about the specific services provided by an agency, call the agency directly.

The following agencies which serve Ulster County are licensed and or/certified by the New York State Department of Health.

- Any-Time Home Care, Inc.
  652 Aaron Ct.
  Kingston NY 12401
  (845) 340-0100
- Bermac Home Aides, Inc.
  2 Grove St.
  New Paltz, NY 12561
  (845) 255-4200, or 1-800-281-2182, or
  8 Trinity Ct.
  Saugerties NY 12477
  (845) 246-5000, or 1-800-281-2182
- Home Health Care & Companion Agency, Inc.
  366 Albany Ave.
  Kingston NY 12401
  (845) 331-1966
- Mid-Hudson Managed Home Care 243 Route 17K.

Newburgh NY 12550 (845) 567-3022

- Always There
  918 Ulster Ave.
  Kingston NY 12401
  (845) 339-3666
- Unlimited Care Inc. 138 Pine Street. Kingston NY 12401 (845) 331-0114
- WillCare803 Grant Ave.Kingston NY 12401(845) 331-5064
- A & T 101 Hurley Avenue Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 331-7868

### **Service category: Home Heating Services**

For senior citizens on fixed incomes, the cost of paying heating bills and maintaining safe, affordable energy-efficient homes can be daunting. The following program is available to assist:

• Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP): The Home Energy Assistance Program provides funding to help pay heating bills for low-income individuals age 60 and over.

Eligibility – Applicants must pay for heat directly, or pay for heat in their rent payment, live in a HEAP-eligible residence, is US citizens or Qualified Aliens. Tenants of government-subsidized housing where heat is included in the rent may be eligible for a \$1.00 benefit. Residents of congregate care facilities, dormitories, group homes or institutions are not eligible.

Income Limits – Recipients of public assistance, food stamps or SSI are income eligible for HEAP. All other applicants must meet the gross monthly income test based on household size. These limits are set each heating season. Call the Office for the Aging at (845) 340-3006 to see if you qualify.

Applying – You can begin applying for a HEAP grant in November each year. HEAP provides grants on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds provided for each heating season run out. If you received HEAP in the past year, you will automatically receive a HEAP application for the present year.

The Office for the Aging sees HEAP clients between 9:00am and 12 Noon Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made by calling Christine Noble at 845-340-3006.

#### Service category: Legal Services

Legal counseling on civil matters is available to Ulster County residents aged 60 and over, provided by an attorney admitted to the practice of law in New York State by appointment only. Counseling on criminal matters is not available through the Ulster County Office for the Aging. Please note that our lawyer does not go to court. Among the services available are:

- Drawing of wills
- Landlord and tenant problems
- Powers of attorney
- Preparation of health care proxies and living wills
- Asset protection counseling
- Preparation of deeds
- Consultations regarding guardianships
- Review of leases
- Consultations regarding elder law issues
- Property disputes

Appointments are limited to ½ hour, and appointments must be made in advance. Call (845) 340-3456 to make an appointment. Appointments are both in Kingston and Ellenville. Contributions are accepted, but not required.

#### Service category: Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is a federal advocacy and education program dedicated to protecting people living in long term care facilities. In Ulster County, the program is a partnership of the New York State Office for the Aging and Hands On! The Hudson Valley 845-229-4680.

A certified Long Term Care Ombudsman is a professionally trained and certified advocate who resolves issues with long term care facilities on behalf of residents and their families.

The purpose of the Ombudsman Program is to educate the community and residents about residents' rights, and to improve the quality of life and care for residents of residential health facilities and nursing homes by confidentially receiving, investigating and resolving residents' problems and complaints.

The obligations of the Ombudsmen include:

- confidential complaint receipt and resolution,
- protection of resident rights
- identification of adverse conditions affecting residents
- providing information, and
- making referrals on behalf of residents and their families.

In Ulster County, the facilities served by the Ombudsman Program include the following:

#### **Residential Facilities**

- Hudson Valley Rehabilitation & Extended Care Center, Highland (845) 691-7201
- The Mountain View Nursing Home, New Paltz (845) 255-0830
- Ten Broeck Commons, Lake Katrine (845) 336-6666
- Golden Hill Care Center, Kingston (845) 340-3390
- Wingate at Ulster, Highland (845) 691-6800
- Northeast Center for Special Care, Lake Katrine (845) 336-3500

#### Adult Homes

- Culinarian Home Foundation, New Paltz (845) 255-7010
- Hudson Valley Senior Residence, Kingston (845) 331-0630
- Moran Rest Home, Gardiner (845) 883-7115
- Mountain Valley Manor (845) 331-1254

#### **Assisted Living**

- Highland Assisted Living Center, Highland (845) 691-8399
- Valley Vista, Highland (845) 691-7400
- Home Sweet Home, Catskill, (518) 943-5701

Ombudsmen visit each facility at least once every week, although, in Ulster County, they generally visit two or three times a week. Every facility has signs prominently posted with the New York State Ombudsmen Hot Line telephone if immediate attention to a problem is required.

#### Service category: Medical Insurance and Medicare Counseling

There have been sweeping changes to the Medicare program, which now provides coverage for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. Within Ulster County, senior citizens may choose from many different plans, all of which provide different coverage, and each of which has its own monthly premium.

Selecting the right plan requires a great deal of thoughtful consideration of the various available options.

The Ulster County Office for the Aging offers individualized information and guidance

about plans available in the area through HIICAP (the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program).

Local counselors have received structured training which covers all aspects of Medicare, Medicare Part D, Medicaid, Social Security/Medicare and Medigap Insurance and EPIC. Their assistance is available at no charge to any Ulster County senior citizen. It requires an appointment which will last at least one hour. Because of the complexity of the service, appointments are necessary.

Those wishing to make an appointment (both in Kingston and Ellenville) with the Ulster County Office for the Aging may do so by calling 845-340-3456 or toll free: 1-877-914-3456.

Prior to your appointment, you will need to gather the following information:

- 1. Any papers received in the past year from Social Security
- 2. Your Medicare Card
- 3. Your EPIC card, if you have one
- 4. Your Medicaid card, if you have one
- 5. Your private insurance card, if you have one
- 6. a list of every prescription medication you take, including exact prescription information regarding name of medication, dosage and frequency of use.

It is extremely important for you to provide this information, because the Office For the Aging does not have access to any personal information about you through the Social Security website. Your information is totally confidential.

An Ulster County Office for the Aging counselor will use the information you provide, along with the Social Security Medicare website to find several possible choices based on the individual's needs. The information will include the monthly premium, restrictions, which medications are covered, and which local pharmacies accept the plans, as well as an estimated yearly cost, based on the number of prescription medications used.

**See also:** Health Insurance in Section B of this guide

#### Service category: 911 Senior Safety Cell Phones

Cell phones which have been donated by community members to the Office for the Aging are programmed for 911 only service. These phones are distributed to any Ulster County resident aged 60 and over who request one. They are free, and there is no service or maintenance cost. To request a cell phone, please call the Office at (845) 340-3456, or stop in to at 1003 Development Court, Kingston, NY.

#### **Service category: Nutrition Programs**

<u>Senior Dining Sites</u>: Office for the Aging operates five Senior Dining Sites throughout the county, which offer nutritious, hot meals from 11 a.m. until noon. Check for specific days that sites are open.

They also provide an opportunity to socialize with others who have similar interests.

**Locations:** You may attend any site which is convenient for you.

• Trudy Resnick Farber Building Satellite Centers: <u>Satellite Centers:</u>

50 Center St. Ellenville NY (845) 647-1605

Town of New Paltz Community Center Every Thursday 255-3631

 Kingston Mid-town Neighborhood Center 467 Broadway
 Kingston NY
 (845) 336-7112
 Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday Reservoir United Methodist Church Ashokan (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) 845-657-5107

 Rosendale Recreation Center Route 32
 Rosendale NY (845) 214-3740 Town of Ulster (1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays) Senior Center 845-389-0015

• Saugerties Senior Center 207 Market St. Saugerties NY (845) 389-3476

**Guidelines:** Please call the site between 10 a.m. and noon the day before you plan to attend in order to be sure there are enough meals for everyone. A sign-up sheet is also available at the site to reserve your meal for the next day. If you have reserved your meal, but cannot attend, please call the prior to the day of the lunch you wish to cancel.

**Eligibility:** You must be an Ulster County resident aged 60 or over.

**Cost:** There is no set cost, but a suggested daily donation of \$3.00 is requested to help defray the cost of the program. Cash, checks or money orders are accepted. Envelopes are available at the site.

**See also:** Congregate Meal Sites in Section B of this guide.

<u>Home Delivered Meals</u>: The Office for the Aging can provide Home Delivered Meals to homebound residents of Ulster County aged 60 and over if they are unable to prepare their own meals or have meals prepared for them.

**Hours of Operation:** Meals are generally delivered between the hours of 10:30 and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. No delivery on holidays or during adverse weather conditions. Shelf-stable meals are provided in advance for use on such occasions.

**To Apply:** Anyone may make a referral by calling the OFA Central Intake number, (845) 334-5125 and giving essential information such as address, telephone number, medical contact and reason for requesting meals.

A home visit by the Office for the Aging or the Department of Social Services caseworker is required before the start of delivered meals

**Cost:** A donation of \$3.00 is requested. Self addressed postage paid envelopes are available.

**See also:** Home Delivered Meals in Section B of this guide

**Nutrition Counseling:** Nutrition counseling and assistance with meeting the needs of a special diet is available at the dining sites or in your home by a Registered Dietician. For information, call the Office for the Aging at (845) 340-3456 or toll free: 1-877-914-3456

#### Service category: Transportation Services

Once week subsidized transportation is available to Ulster County Seniors aged 60 and over. Medical transportation is also available by appointment Monday through Friday. For more information, and to schedule appointments, please call (845) 334-8120.

Also available is the Kingston Paratransit Bus 845-331-3725 for information

# Section B: Services and Programs Available Within Ulster County

Service category: Medical Insurance and Medicare Counseling

#### **Program Name: Medicare HIICAP**

Medicare is a Health Insurance Program for;

• People 65 years of age and older

- Some people with disabilities under the age of 65
- People with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant).

Medicare has traditionally had two parts, and added an expanded program which covers prescription drugs in 2006:

- Part A (Hospital Insurance) Most people do not have to pay for Part A
- Part B (Medical Insurance) Most people pay for Part B

#### Part A: (Hospital Insurance)

Helps pay for: care in hospitals as an in-patient, critical access hospitals (small facilities that give limited outpatient and inpatient services to people in rural areas), skilled nursing facilities, hospice care, and some home health care.

**Cost:** Most people get Part A coverage automatically when they turn age 65. They do not have to pay a monthly premium for Part A because they or a spouse paid Medicare taxes while they were working.

If you (or your spouse) did not pay Medicare taxes while you worked and you are age 65 or older, you still may be able to buy Part A coverage. If you are not sure you have Part A, look on your red, white and blue Medicare card. It will show "Hospital Part A" on the lower section of the card. You can also call the Social Security Administration toll free at 1-800-772-1213, or call or visit your local Social Security office for more information about buying Part A. If you get benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board, call your local RRB or 1-800-808-0772.

#### Part B (Medical Insurance)

**Helps pay for:** Doctors' services, outpatient hospital care, laboratory tests and other diagnostic procedures, and some other medical services that Part A does not cover, such as the service of physical and occupational therapists, and some home health care. Part B helps pay for those covered services and supplies when they are medically necessary.

**Cost:** You pay the Medicare Part B premium.

In some cases, this amount may be higher if you did not choose Part B when you first became eligible at age 65. The cost of Part B may go up 10% for each 12-month period that you were eligible for Part B and did not sign up for it, except in special cases. You will have to pay this extra 10% for the rest of your life. If your annual income is \$85,000 per year or higher, the Part B premium will also be higher.

Enrolling in Part B is your choice. You can sign up for Part B any time beginning 3 months before you turn 65 until 3 months after – a total of seven months. Please call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or your local Social Security office. If you get benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board, call Social Security, Railroad

Retirement or Civil Service Retirement for benefits enrollment. If you are not eligible for any of the above programs, Medicare will send you a bill for your Part B premium every 3 months. You should get your Medicare premium bill by the 10th of the month. If you do not get your bill by the 10th, call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or your local Social Security office If you get benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board, call your local RRB or 1-800-808-0772.

**Eligibility:** Generally, you are eligible for Medicare if you or your spouse worked for at least 10 years in Medicare-covered employment and you are 65 years old and a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. You might also qualify for coverage if you are a younger person with a disability or with End-Stage Renal disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or transplant).

<u>Options</u>: In addition to original Medicare as described above, a senior may select a Medicare Advantage Plan or Part C. These are HMO or PPO type network healthcare systems that are designed to manage the client's healthcare needs. Information about plans available in Ulster County and assistance in identifying the most suitable plan is available at the Ulster County Office for the Aging as described below.

<u>Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage):</u> Medicare Part D provides coverage for prescription drugs. Within Ulster County, senior citizens may choose from many different plans, all of which provide different coverage, and each of which has its own monthly premium.

Selecting the right plan requires a great deal of thoughtful consideration of the various available options. The plans are not income-based; however, some seniors whose income is very low, may be eligible for assistance in paying for Part B and/or Part D premiums.

There are several ways to obtain information about the Part D plans and Medicare Advantage Plans.

• Ulster County Office for the Aging: The agency offers individualized information and guidance through HIICAP (the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program) about the plans available in Ulster County. Local counselors have received structured training that covers all aspects of Medicare and Medigap Insurance. Their assistance is available at no charge to any Ulster County Senior Citizen. It requires an appointment that can take an hour or more to complete. Because of the complexity of the service, and the availability of counselors, walk-in's are not encouraged and may have to come back at another time for an appointment. Those wishing to make an appointment with the Ulster County Office for the Aging may do so by calling (845) 340-3456.

Prior to your appointment, you will need to gather the following information:

- 1. Any papers received in the past year from Social Security
- 2. Your Medicare Card
- 3. Your EPIC card, if you have one

- 4. Your Medicaid card, if you have one
- 5. Your private insurance card, if you have one
- 6. A list of every prescription medication you take, including exact prescription information regarding name of medication, dosage and frequency of use.

It is extremely important for you to provide this information because the Office for the Aging does not have access to any personal information about you through any source such as Social Security or Medicare.

Your information is totally confidential.

An Ulster County Office for the Aging counselor will use the information you provide, along with the CMS Medicare website to find the several best possible choices based on your needs. The information will include the monthly premium, restrictions, what medications are covered, and what local pharmacies accept the plans, as well as an estimated yearly cost, based on the number of prescription medications used. Comparisons can be made between Original Medicare with a stand-alone Part D plan versus a Medicare Advantage plan with drug coverage.

- CMS, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, has published a guidebook about the programs, maintains a website and automated telephone line, and has local representatives who can assist you. CMS is the official source of information about the plans available.
- 1. Medicare and You is updated and reprinted each year. It is mailed to everyone enrolled in Medicare at the time. If, however, you did not receive a copy or have misplaced your copy, you can obtain a replacement by calling 1-800-Medicare and through the Ulster County Office for the Aging HICAP Program. If the guide is revised during the year, the revised and/or updated information is available on the Medicare website.
- 2. The official CMS/ Medicare website at <a href="www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a> has a comprehensive overview of Medicare A, B, C (Medicare Advantage), and D (Part D is the prescription drug plan coverage program).
- 3. Call Medicare at 1 (800) 633-4227. This is a programmed, voice-activated system, which is available 24 hours a day.
- 4. You can arrange to visit your local Office for the Aging HIICAP office located at 1003 Development Court in Kingston or at the Trudy Farber Building in Ellenville by calling (845) 340-3456 or toll free 1-877-914-3456 for an appointment.
  - Insurance Plans which provide coverage in New York State: all of the companies have computer websites, send out mailings, provide information

through pharmacies and advertise in newspapers and magazines, particularly those of interest to senior citizens. They are prohibited from calling directly or going door-to-door to sell their plans.

- **Pharmacies** can provide you with both written information and guidance from a pharmacist about the prescription plans which they cover. Not all pharmacies are covered by all plans.
- AARP (American Association of Retired Persons): This Senior Citizen organization has produced brochures and advertisements with information about Medicare Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, and Medicare Part D plans, and devotes a significant amount of its internet resources to providing more detailed information. AARP has a prescription drug plan of its own.

#### Program Name: EPIC (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program)

Telephone number: 1-800-332-3742

EPIC is a New York State Program that provides additional drug coverage and premium assistance for seniors with Medicare Part D.

You can join EDPC if you are 65 or older, a New York State resident, and have income up to \$35,000 (single) or \$50,000 (married). To receive EPIC benefits, you must be enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan.

On January 1, 2013, EPIC will be reinstating its original **Fee** and **Deductible** Plans.

• The **Fee Plan** will be restored for members with income up to \$20,000 (single) or \$26,000 (married). Members will be required to pay an annual fee to EPIC based upon their income. Members with full "Extra Help" Low Income Subsidy from Medicare will have their EPIC fees waived. Fee Plan members pay EPIC copayments for prescription drugs ranging from \$3 - \$20, based on the cost of the drug.

The **Deductible Plan** will be restored for members with income ranging from \$20,001 - \$35,000 (single) or \$26,001 - \$50,000 (married). Members must meet an EPIC deductible based on their income before purchasing prescriptions at the EPIC co-payment amount.

EPIC will also pay the Medicare Part D premiums up to the amount of a basic plan for members in the fee or deductible plans with income up to \$23,000 (single) or \$29,000 (married). EPIC members with higher incomes will be responsible for paying their own Medicare Part D premium.

### Program name: Extra Help

Telephone number: 1-800-772-1213

If your income is below a certain level (\$16,752 for single persons; \$22,692 for married couples), and your resources are limited, you may qualify for the Extra Help program. With this program, you will not pay a premium or deductible for your Medicare drug coverage, and will only pay a co-payment of up to \$2.60 for generic drugs and up to \$6.50 for brand name drugs.

Social Security mails applications for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs to persons who may be eligible. If you did not receive this application, or have misplaced it, you can get another copy by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213, or from the Ulster County Office for the Aging. For assistance in completing the Extra Help application, contact the Social Security Office. Social Security representatives can input your information into the computer immediately and the waiting time to receive your approval information is usually shorter.

#### **Program Name: Medicare Savings Program**

Telephone number: 1-800-633-4227 (Medicare); 1-888-795-4627 (Medicare Rights Center); or 1-845-340-3456 (Office for the Aging—HIICAP)

To get help paying for Medicare in New York, just follow these 3 steps:

- 1. Check to see if you meet the income and asset (savings) guidelines for government programs, including the Medicare Savings Program.
- 2. If you meet the income and asset limits in New York State, the Medicare Rights Center can help you apply for a Medicare Savings Program. Call 1-888-795-4627 for more information or to apply. You may also call your local Medicaid office and ask for a copy of the application to mail in, or go there to apply in person. Call 1-800-541-2831 for the number or look up your local Department of Social Services in the blue government pages of the phonebook.
- 3. Along with the original, signed application, copies of the following documents may be necessary to process your application:
  - o Letter from Social Security documenting income
  - o Medicare card/proof of citizenship
  - o Proof of employment, or other source of income
  - o Proof of address and rent/mortgage

#### **Program Name: Medicaid**

Telephone number: (845) 334-5175

What is Medicaid? Medicaid is a program for New Yorkers who can't afford to pay

for medical care.

Who qualifies for Medicaid? You may be covered by Medicaid if:

- You have high medical bills

Income and resource requirements are subject to yearly adjustments. You may also own a home, a car and personal property, and still be eligible. In order to determine if you qualify, please call the Ulster County Department of Social Services Medicaid telephone number at (845) 334-5175 to set up an appointment. If you are home-bound, call Ulster County Department of Social Service to find out how you can apply without visiting the office. Senior citizens may also call the Ulster County Office for the Aging at (845) 340-3456 to receive help with application and eligibility.

What does Medicaid cover: In general, the following services are paid for by Medicaid, but some may not be covered for you because of your age, financial circumstances, family situation, transfer of resource requirements, or living arrangements. Some services have small co-payments. These services may be provided using your Medicaid card or through your managed care plan if you are enrolled in managed care. You will not have a co-pay if you are in a managed care plan.

- □smoking cessation agents
- Itreatment and preventive health and dental care (doctors and dentists)
- hospital inpatient and outpatient services
- □laboratory and X-ray services
- □ care in a nursing home
- care through home health agencies and personal care
- treatment in psychiatric hospitals (for persons under 21 or those 65 and older), mental health facilities, and facilities for the mentally retarded or the developmentally disabled
- □medicine, supplies, medical equipment and appliances (wheelchairs, etc.) Under new federal legislation, effective January 1, 2006, Medicare, not Medicaid, will be the primary payer of prescription drugs for dual eligible recipients (persons who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid).
- clinic services
- Utransportation to medical appointments, including public transportation and car mileage
- emergency ambulance transportation to a hospital
- some insurance and Medicare premiums
- other health services

If you are eligible for Medicaid, you will receive a Benefit Identification Card which

must be used when you need medical services. There may be limitations on certain services

For you to use your Benefit Identification Card for certain medical supplies, equipment or services (for example, wheelchair, orthopedic shoes, transportation) you or the person or facility that will provide the service must receive approval before the service can be provided (prior approval).

<u>Types of Medicaid programs available</u>: Ulster County provides two comprehensive Medicaid programs:

- Fee-for-service Medicaid, in which some services require a small copayment; and
- Managed Care Medicaid. Enrollment in a Medicaid managed care program through a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) is an Ulster County option.

When you join a managed care program, you will choose a personal doctor who will be responsible for making sure all your health care needs are met. The doctor will send you to someone else if you need more help than he or she can provide.

Managed care covers most of the benefits recipients will use, including all preventive and primary care, inpatient care and eye care. People in managed care plans use their Medicaid benefit card to get these services that the plan does not cover.

Information about keeping assets if you are in a nursing home or intermediate care facility: Medicaid allows a recipient to keep a small amount of income for personal needs. You can also keep some of your income for your family if they are dependent on you. A spouse who remains in the community may also keep resources and income above the allowable income levels. You may call the Ulster County Medicaid Division at (845) 334-5170 for additional information or clarification.

Will there be a legal claim (lien) placed on my estate (assets) when I die? If you receive medical services paid for by Medicaid on or after your 55th birthday, or when permanently residing in a medical institution, Medicaid may recover the amount of the cost of these services from the assets in your estate upon your death.

#### Service category: Vision and Eyeglasses

Generally, Medicare does not cover routine eye care and most eyeglasses or contact lenses. You are required to pay 100% of the cost of routine eye care or eyeglasses. However, the cost of one pair of eyeglasses with standard frames after cataract surgery that includes implanting an intraocular lens is covered.

However, following cataract surgery with an intraocular lens, Medicare helps pay for cataract glasses, contact lenses, or intraocular lenses provided by an ophthalmologist. Services provided by an optometrist may be covered, if the optometrist is licensed to provide this service in New York state.

- Only standard frames are covered
- Lenses are covered even if you had the surgery before you had Medicare
- Payment may be made for lenses for both eyes, even though cataract surgery involved only one eye.

Cost to you: You pay 20% of Medicare-approved amounts for one pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses after each cataract surgery with an intraocular lens. You pay any additional cost for upgraded frames.

#### Important notes:

- You must pay an annual deductible of \$162 (in 2012) for Part B services and supplies before Medicare begins to pay its share.
- Actual amounts you must pay may be higher if a doctor, health care provider, or supplier does not accept Medicare assignment.
- If you choose to purchase "upgraded frames," your supplier should ask you to sign an Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) informing you that you will be required to pay the difference in the cost for the "upgraded frames" and the Medicare-approved amount for "standard frames."
- If you choose to purchase "upgraded frames," your supplier is required to submit claims to Medicare, indicating the purchase of the "upgraded frames" as two separate line items on the claim. The supplier will use code V2020 for the cost of the "standard frames" (the Medicare-approved amount) and code V2025 for the difference between the charges for the "deluxe frames" and the "standard frames" (the amount you are required to pay). These codes will appear on the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) you receive. Code V2025 will appear on your MSN as a non-covered charge.

There are programs and services available within Ulster County which can help you with the cost of eye examinations, surgery, eyeglasses, adaptive equipment and learning to adjust to loss of vision. Please contact the Office for the Aging at (845) 340-3456 for information.

#### **Program Name: Lions Eye Institute and Other Vision-Related Programs**

Address: Ed Blodgett, Secretary

PO Box 57

Hyde Park NY 12538

**Telephone number:** (845) 229-5561

**Service(s) offered:** Lions have a special interest in assisting the blind. There are several Lions' Clubs within Ulster County, and each serves the community within its particular territory. To find out which Club

can assist you with obtaining eyeglasses or other adaptive devices, such as 'talking watches,' contact Chairman Blodgett, who can direct you to the appropriate club. Lions Clubs also support the Eye Institute in Albany, an internationally-recognized hospital which treats those with vision problems.

**Hours of operation:** Please call and leave a message.

**Cost:** Lions' Clubs may be able to provide full or partial funding for the service you require.

**How accessed:** No appointment or referrals are required.

Mid-Hudson Valley Low Vision Network

**Contact:** CBVH

914-993-5370 for information and/or referral

**See also:** New York Lighthouse Vision Rehabilitation Services

#### Service category: Speech and Hearing

Medicare does not cover routine hearing examinations or hearing aids. You are required to pay 100% of the cost of routine hearing exams or hearing aids. In some cases, diagnostic hearing exams are covered by Part B. You will pay 20% of Medicare-approved amount for diagnostic hearing exams. In 2006, you must pay an annual \$124 deductible for Part B services and supplies before Medicare begins to pay its share. It is important for you to understand that the actual amount you must pay can be higher than 20% if a doctor, health care provider or supplier does not accept Medicare assignment.

There are two programs within Ulster County that may be able to help you with the cost of hearing examinations and/or hearing aids, as well as adaptive equipment (for example, an alarm clock that operates by flashing lights, rather than sound to awaken you).

#### **Program Name: Lions' Clubs Hearing Council**

Address: William Brooks, Chairman

PO Box 441

Rosendale NY 12472

**Telephone number:** (845) 658-9649

#### Service(s) offered:

Lions' Clubs have a special interest in assisting those with hearing problems. There are several Lions' Clubs within Ulster County, and each serves the community within its particular territory. To find out which Club can assist you with hearing tests, adaptive

equipment and hearing aids, contact Chairman Brooks, who can direct you to the appropriate club.

**Hours of operation:** Please call and leave a message.

**Cost:** Lions' Clubs may be able to provide full or partial funding for the service you require.

**How accessed:** No appointment or referrals are required.

**See also:** Speech and Hearing Center at SUNY New Paltz

#### **Program Name: Speech and Hearing Center at SUNY New Paltz**

**Address:** State University at New Paltz

New Paltz NY 12561

**Telephone number:** (845) 257-3600

**Service(s) offered:** The State University at New Paltz offers a program which prepares students for a career in speech pathology and audiology. As one component of the course, students, under the supervision of licensed and certified doctors of audiology, provide hearing evaluations at significantly reduced fees. The audiologists (certified and licensed doctors) also provide assistive hearing devices at costs which are, on average ½ the cost of the general market price.

**Hours of operation:** The lab is open 12 hours a week, and it is necessary to call for an appointment. If the lab is not open, please leave a message, and be sure to provide your telephone number.

**Cost:** Cost depends on the service provided. There is no income level test.

How accessed: No referrals are required.

See also: Lions' Clubs

Service category: Medical Equipment Loan Closet

Program Name: Resource Center for Accessible Living Loan Closet

**Address:** 727 Ulster Ave. Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 331-0541

**Service(s) offered:** The Resource Center for Accessible has a variety of medical equipment to take out on loan for a term of up to 3 months, but extensions are possible. Loan equipment includes:

- canes/crutches
- walkers
- commodes with buckets/shower chairs
- bath transfer chairs
- wheelchairs, including electric wheelchairs
- Hoyer lift (if available)
- hospital bed (if available)
- bed rails/guards
- other small medical items are sometimes donated and available. Some of these items are in short supply, and may not always be available.

**Hours of operation:** Open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5 for small equipment, and \$25 for larger equipment for a three month period. Loan can be extended for an additional three month period at the same rate. Fee can be waived if there is financial need.

**How accessed:** Call the office or stop in.

#### Service category: Senior Citizen Housing

Within Ulster County, there are several rental housing units for Senior Citizens. Some are exclusively for Seniors, while others also have a number of apartments for handicapped persons of any age. It is important to know that Senior Citizen Housing is not necessarily handicapped-accessible, so if you have special needs, please inquire.

This guide lists only sites which have some sort of government subsidy, under the general term of "affordable housing." Because the complexes were given approval under various programs, the subsidies and the terminology vary from one to another, so you will need to check the eligibility guidelines for each.

They include no supportive services or staffing to address the special needs of aging residents. This housing is not licensed by a government agency, but subsidized housing may be supervised by a government housing agency.

Generally speaking, these apartments have waiting lists, and it is a good idea to apply ahead of time if you are thinking of moving into an apartment. They are arranged alphabetically by the name of the apartments, not by geographic location.

### **Program Name: The Birches at Chambers**

Address: 3000 Maple Lane

Kingston, NY 12401

www.TheBirchesatChambers.com

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-7571

**Number of Units: 66** 

**Service(s) offered:** Community room with full kitchen, media room, fitness suite, storage units and on sight Nurse for wellness education and screenings

Cost: Affordable senior housing

**How accessed:** Stop at the office, or download your application from the website:

TheBirchesatChambers.com

#### **Program Name: The Birches at Esopus**

Address: 35 Dick Williams Lane

Ulster Park, NY 12487

www.TheBirchesatEsopus.com

**Telephone number: (845) 338-6173** 

Number of Units: 80

Service(s) offered: Community room with full kitchen, exercise room, media

room, crafts room, library and storage units

Cost: Affordable senior housing

**How accessed:** Call or stop by for an application or go to

www.TheBirchesatEsopus.com

**Program Name: The Birches at Saugerties** 

Address: 700 The Birches, Route 9W)

Saugerties NY 12477

www.TheBirchesatSaugerties.com

**Telephone number:** (845) 246-7568

Number of Units: 60 apartments, 1 and 2 bedroom; 2 of the one-bedroom and

1 of the two-bedroom apartments are handicappedaccessible.

The Birchez are totally smoke-free, both inside

the buildings and on the grounds

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for programs and meetings

Cost: The complex provides rentals for persons with low and

moderate income aged 55 and over

**How accessed:** Call for application, or pick up an application at the

Birchez rental office. You can also go to www.TheBirchesatSaugerties.com

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#### **Program Name: Brigham Apartments**

**Address:** 101 – 109 O'Neil St.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-4856

**Number of Units:** 40 for Senior Citizens and handicapped persons of all ages. 6 units

are handicapped accessible.

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for activities, meetings.

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application.

**Pets allowed:** Dogs under 20 pounds, must be spayed/neutered; indoor cats

**Program Name: Chambers Court** 

**Address:** c/o The Birches@ Chambers

3000 Maple Lane Kingston NY 12401

www.ChambersCourt.com

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-7571

Number of Units: 72, all handicapped adaptable; 4 are wheelchair-accessible

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for programs, meetings

Cost: Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application or go to www.ChambersCourt.com

**Program Name: Colonial Gardens** 

**Address:** 202 Flatbush Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-4856

Number of Units: 98 total units; 10 one bedroom units are set aside for Senior

Citizens.

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for activities, meetings.

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application.

**Pets allowed:** Dogs under 20 pounds, must be spayed/neutered; indoor cats

**Program Name: Colonial Gardens Addition** 

**Address:** 212 Flatbush Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-4856

**Number of Units:** 32 total. All are specifically for Senior Citizens and handicapped

persons of all ages

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for activities, meetings

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** Dogs under 20 pounds, must be spayed/neutered; indoor cats

**Program Name: Ellenville Senior Housing** 

**Address:** 199 Canal St.

Ellenville NY 12428

**Telephone number:** (845) 647-8686

**Number of Units:** 30 total. Specifically for Senior Citizens and handicapped persons

over the age of 40

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for meetings, programs

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** No pets allowed

**Program Name: Elsie's Meadow** 

**Address:** 189 Third St.

Wallkill NY 12489

**Telephone number:** (845) 895-3262

**Number of Units:** 24 total. All are specifically for Senior Citizens aged 55 and over.

Two are fully handicapped-accessible units.

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for meetings, activities

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** 1 dog under 25 pounds, or one cat, per unit.

**Program Name: Glusker Gardens** 

**Address:** 93 Center St.

Ellenville NY 12428

**Telephone number:** (845) 210-1481

**Number of Units:** 32 total. All are specifically for Senior Citizens aged 62 and over

or handicapped persons of any age. Two apartments are

handicapped accessible.

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for meeting and activities

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** Yes; must weigh under 20 pounds, be spayed or neutered, and have

all shots. 1 pet per household.

**Program Name: Governor Clinton Apartments** 

**Address:** 1 Albany Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-2700

**Number of Units:** 92 total. All are specifically designated for Senior Citizens.

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for activities, meetings.

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** Small pets under 40 pounds.

**Program Name: Huguenot Park Apartments** 

**Address:** 45 North Chestnut St.

New Paltz NY 12561

**Telephone number:** (845) 255-5305

**Number of Units:** 24; all specifically designated for Senior Citizens

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for meetings and programs

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** Dogs under 20 pounds, must be spayed/neutered; indoor cats

Program Name: Jenny's Garden

Address: Gerentine Way

Marlboro, NY 12542

**Telephone number:** (845) 236-2604

**Number of Units:** 66 total. All specifically designated for Senior Citizens and

disabled persons over the age of 40

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for activities, meetings.

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** 1 pet per apartment; dogs 25 pound or less; renter must sign pet

lease agreement, which includes designated individual who will be

responsible for pet in case of emergency

**Program Name: The Mill** 

**Address:** 55 East Bridge St.

Saugerties NY 12477

**Telephone number:** (845) 247-8763

**Number of Units:** 89 total. All are specifically for Senior Citizens aged 55 and over.

Approximately 8 are handicapped accessible

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for meetings and programs

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** One pet per household: dog under 25 pounds, cat or bird

**Program Name: Park Heights** 

**Address:** 1033 Rt. 32

Rosendale NY 12472

**Telephone number:** (845) 331-2140

**Number of Units:** 40 total. All are designated for Senior Citizens and disabled

persons over the age of 40

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for activities, meetings.

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** 1 pet per apartment; dogs 25 pound or less; renter must sign pet

lease agreement, which includes designated individual who will be

responsible for pet in case of emergency

**Program Name: Rondout Gardens** 

**Address:** 132 Rondout Drive

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-4856

**Number of Units:** 131 total. Of this number, some one bedroom apartments are

specifically set aside for Senior Citizens

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for activities, meetings.

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** Dogs under 20 pounds, must be spayed/neutered; indoor cats

**Program Name: Saugerties Senior Housing** 

**Address:** 155 Main St.

Saugerties NY 12477

**Telephone number:** (845) 247-0612

**Number of Units:** 62 units, all specifically designated for Senior Citizens; 6 are fully

handicapped accessible

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for activities and meetings

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** 1 pet per unit, weighing under 35 pounds

**Program Name: Seven Greens** 

**Address:** 120 Lawrenceville St.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 331-2410

Number of Units: 125

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for meetings and programs, with a beauty salon

which is open on Wednesdays.

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** 1 dog up to 75 pounds; 2 indoor cats

### **Program Name: Shandaken Village Apartments**

**Address:** Ave Maria Drive

Phoenicia NY 12464

**Telephone number:** (845) 688-2024

**Number of Units:** 24 total. All are designated for Senior Citizens aged 62 and over,

and disabled persons of all ages

**Service(s) offered:** Community room and smaller activity room

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** 1 small pet, under 30 pounds, per unit

#### **Program Name: Stuyvesant Charter Apartments**

Address: 16 Sheehan Court

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-4856

**Number of Units:** 120 total. Of these, 32 one bedroom apartments are specifically set

aside for Senior Citizens

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for meetings and activities

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** Dogs under 20 pounds, must be spayed/neutered; indoor cats

#### **Program Name: Tongore Pines Senior Housing**

**Address:** 21-25 Fox Lane

Olivebridge, NY 12461

**Telephone number:** (845) 688-5777

**Number of Units:** 19 total. Four are handicapped accessible, but are not left vacant

**Service(s) offered:** 2 community rooms for programs and meetings

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** 1 pet per household

**Program Name: Wiltwyck Gardens** 

**Address:** 195 Albany Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 331-1955

**Number of Units:** 60 total. All are designated for Senior Citizens and disabled of any

age

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for activities, meetings.

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** Dogs under 20 pounds, must be spayed/neutered; indoor cats

**Program Name: Woodstock Meadows** 

**Address:** 100 Woodstock Meadows Drive

Woodstock NY 12498

**Telephone number:** (845) 679-0370

**Number of Units:** 52 total

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for meetings, programs

Cost: Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** Small indoor cats or dogs; one per dwelling

**Program Name: Yosman Tower Apartments** 

**Address:** 295 Broadway

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-2700

**Number of Units:** 104 total. All are designated for Senior Citizens, and disabled

persons of all ages. 7 apartments are handicapped equipped and

accessible

**Service(s) offered:** Community room for meetings and activities

**Cost:** Affordable housing

**How accessed:** Call for application

**Pets allowed:** Small pets under 40 pounds

See also: Ulster County Health Related Facility, Nursing Homes, Senior

Residences

**Service category: Senior Dining Sites** 

The Ulster County Office for the Aging operates senior dining sites which provide nutritious meals at nominal cost at several locations throughout the county.

Seniors may lunch at any of these sites. Because food is prepared by a caterer off-site and brought to the locations, advance reservations are required to ensure that there will be the correct number of meals brought to each facility.

Office for the Aging requests that you sign up or call for reservations between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the business day prior to the day you plan to attend. The telephone numbers are listed within each site description.

These sites do not operate on holidays and may be closed during inclement weather; please check with the sites regarding their policies.

Program Name: Ulster County Office for the Aging Meal Site: Ellenville

**Address:** Trudy Resnick Farber Center

50 Center St. Ellenville NY

**Telephone number:** 845-647-1605

**Service(s) offered:** Nutritious hot meals and social contact with other seniors

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 11 – noon

**Restrictions:** Open to Ulster County residents aged 60 years and over.

**Cost:** A suggested donation of \$3.00 is requested

**How accessed:** Call for reservations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the day before,

because meals are not prepared on site.

#### **Program Name: Ulster County Office for the Aging Meal Site: Kingston**

**Address:** Kingston Mid-town Neighborhood Center

467 Broadway Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** 845-339-4934

**Service(s) offered:** Nutritious hot meals and social contact with other seniors

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Wednesday – Friday **only**, 11 – noon

**Restrictions:** Open to Ulster County residents aged 60 years and over

**Cost:** A suggested donation of \$3.00 is requested

**How accessed:** Call for reservations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the day before,

because meals are not prepared on site.

#### Program Name: Ulster County Office for the Aging Meal Site: Rosendale

**Address:** Rosendale Recreation Center

Route 32

Rosendale NY

**Telephone number:** 845-658-8110

**Service(s) offered:** Nutritious hot meals and social contact with other seniors

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 11 – noon

**Restrictions:** Open to Ulster County residents aged 60 years and over.

**Cost:** A suggested donation of \$3.00 is requested

**How accessed:** Call for reservations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the day before,

because meals are not prepared on site.

#### **Program Name: Ulster County Office for the Aging Meal Site: Saugerties**

Address: Saugerties Senior Center

207 Market St.

Saugerties, NY 12477

**Telephone number:** 845-246-9987

**Service(s) offered:** Nutritious hot meals and social contact with other seniors

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 11 – noon

**Restrictions:** Open to Ulster County residents aged 60 years and over.

**Cost:** A suggested donation of \$3.00 is requested

**How accessed:** Call for reservations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the day before,

because meals are not prepared on site.

#### Program Name: Ulster County Office for the Aging Meal Site: Shokan

Address: Reservoir United Methodist Church

3056 Route 25

Ashokan, NY 12481

**Telephone number:** 845-336-7112

**Service(s) offered:** Nutritious hot meals and social contact with other seniors

**Hours of Operation:** Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 11 – noon

**Restrictions:** Open to Ulster County residents aged 60 years and over.

**Cost:** A suggested donation of \$3.00 is requested

**How accessed:** Call for reservations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the day before,

because meals are not prepared on site.

#### **Program Name: Ulster County Office for the Aging Meal Site: New Paltz**

Address: Town of New Paltz Community Center

3 Veterans Drive New Paltz, NY 12561

**Telephone number:** 845-255-3631

**Service(s) offered:** Nutritious hot meals and social contact with other seniors

**Hours of Operation:** Every Thursday

**Restrictions:** Open to Ulster County residents aged 60 years and over.

**Cost:** A suggested donation of \$3.00 is requested

**How accessed:** Call for reservations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the day before,

because meals are not prepared on site.

#### Program Name: Ulster County Office for the Aging Meal Site: Town of Ulster

Address: Town of Ulster Senior Center

1 Town Hall Drive Lake Katrine, NY 12449

**Telephone number:** 845-336-7112

**Service(s) offered:** Nutritious hot meals and social contact with other seniors

**Hours of Operation:** First and Third Tuesdays

**Restrictions:** Open to Ulster County residents aged 60 years and over.

**Cost:** A suggested donation of \$3.00 is requested

**How accessed:** Call for reservations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the day before,

because meals are not prepared on site.

See also: Home-Delivered Meals, Food Pantries, Special Needs Food

Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

#### Service category: Free Congregate Meal Sites

There are several free congregate meal sites located throughout Ulster County. They are open to all who have the need, regardless of age, and provide nutritious meals. Reservations are not required.

Please check the listings carefully to determine when a particular site is open. Many of these sites do not operate on holidays or during heavy snowstorms; it is important to check with the sites regarding their policies.

#### Program Name: Shiloh Baptist Church Soup Kitchen: Ellenville

**Address:** Shiloh Baptist Church

Berme Road

Ellenville NY 12428

**Telephone number:** 845-647-8662

**Service(s) offered:** Lunch program

**Hours of Operation:** Wednesday, 12 noon – 2 p.m.

**Restrictions:** None

**Program Name: Caring Hands: Kingston** 

Address: Clinton Ave. Methodist Church

122 Clinton Ave. (Corner of Clinton Ave. & Liberty St.)

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** 845-331-7188

**Service(s) offered:** Soup kitchen and food panty

**Hours of Operation:** Soup kitchen: Monday-Friday, Noon-12:30pm

Food pantry: Monday-Friday, 11:30am-12:30pm

**Restrictions:** None

**Program Name: God-Given Bread Lunch Program: Saugerties** 

Address: Atonement Lutheran Church

100 Market St.

Saugerties, NY 12477

**Telephone number:** 845-246-8322

**Service(s) offered:** Lunch program, food pantry

**Hours of Operation:** Tuesday and Thursday, noon for lunch

Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00AM-Noon for food pantry

**Restrictions:** Saugerties area

**Program Name: Daily Bread Soup Kitchen: Woodstock** 

Address: Christ Lutheran Church

26 Mill Hill Road Woodstock NY 12498

**Telephone number:** 845-679-2336

**Service(s) offered:** Soup and sandwich dinner

**Hours of Operation:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4 - 6 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Located on second floor of church; not wheelchair accessible

#### **Program Name: Queen's Galley**

**Address:** 254 Washington Ave

Kingston, NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-3468

**Service(s) offered:** Soup Kitchen

**Hours of Operation:** 7 days/week, 365 days/year

Breakfast: 7:30AM – 9:00 AM Lunch 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM Dinner: 4:30PM – 6:00PM

#### **Restrictions:**

**See also:** Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home-Delivered Meals, Food Pantries, Special Needs Food Pantries, Soap Closets, Food Stamps

## Service category: Home-Delivered Meals

Ulster County Office for the Aging provides home-delivered meals throughout the county to homebound senior citizens aged 60 and over who meet the program guidelines.

Within the town of Woodstock, a program called Meals on Wheels provides home-delivered meals at a moderate cost to residents of all ages who are unable to cook for themselves.

Details of each program are listed below. Please call the telephone numbers provided for further information and applications.

#### **Program Name: Ulster County Office for the Aging Home Delivered Meals**

**Address:** Ulster County Office for the Aging

1003 Development Court Kingston NY 12401 **Telephone number:** (845) 334-5125

**Service(s) offered:** Hot, nutritious home delivered meals

**Hours of Operation:** Meals are delivered between the hours of 10:30 and 1 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. No deliveries on holidays or during severe snow storms. Office for the Aging provides participants with shelf-stable meals or frozen meals in advance for use on snow

days.

**Cost:** A donation of \$3.00 is requested. Postage paid envelopes provided.

**Restrictions:** You must be 60 years of age or over, homebound, and a resident of

Ulster County unable to prepare your own meals or have anyone in

the home to prepare meals.

**How accessed:** Anyone may make a referral or request by calling Office for the

Aging at (845) 334-5125, and giving essential information such as

address, telephone number, medical contact and reason for requesting meals. A home visit by an Office for the Aging or the Department of Social Services caseworker is required before the

start of delivery of meals.

**Program Name: Meals on Wheels: Woodstock** 

**Address:** Kitchen located in the Woodstock Reformed Church

Tinker St.

Woodstock NY 12498

**Telephone number:** (845) 679-4656

**Service(s) offered:** Hot, nutritious home delivered meals

**Hours of Operation:** Meals are delivered between the hours of 11 a.m. and noon,

Monday through Friday. Upon request, meals for Saturday and Sunday can also be delivered on Friday, which will need to be

reheated.

**Cost:** \$3.50; fee can be waived in extenuating circumstances.

**Restrictions:** You must live within the geographic area served by the program.

In bad weather, delivery may not be possible.

**How accessed:** Call for information.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Emergency

Food Pantries, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

Service category: Emergency Food Pantries, Kingston Area

**Program Name: Catholic Charities Homeless and Hungry Office** 

**Address:** St. Joseph's Mission Church, Conifer Lane

Hurley NY 12443

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-7121

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those in need. Also clothes and other

supplies.

Hours of Operation: Monday, & Tuesday, 10:30am - 2:30pm

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. -12:30p.m.

**Restrictions:** Serves people in need from anywhere in the county. Call if the

weather is inclement.

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home

Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal

Sites, Food Stamps

Happy to Help Food Pantry

St. James United Methodist Church

**Address:** 29 Pearl Street (Corner of Fair & Pearl Sts.)

Kingston, NY 12401

**Telelphone number:** (845) 331-3030

**Services offered:** Emergency food pantry

**Hours of Operation:** Sundays 2-4 p.m. (except closed 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)

**Program Name: People's Place** 

**Address:** 773 Broadway

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-4030

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food pantry & thrift store. Offers food for 3 days (9 meals) per individual for each month. Food is also given out for free Monday-Friday from 10am - 1 pm.

Thrift store – sell or give clothing, depending on financial income level. Note that low income people may receive 3 free outfits every month. Call for information.

**Restrictions:** Serves the greater Kingston area.

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

**Program Name: Salvation Army** 

Address: 35 Cedar St.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 331-1803

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Restrictions:** Serves the immediate Kingston area. Limited to once every 90

Days

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

**Program Name: Pointe of Praise Family Life Center** 

**Address:** 243 Hurley Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 339-4615

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need

**Hours of Operation:** Monday - Friday from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Restrictions:** None

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

See also: Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home

Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal

Sites, Food Stamps

Bread of Life (A community based food pantry affiliated with King's Fire International

Church)

**Address:** 865 Neighborhood Road

Lake Katrine, NY 12449

**Telephone number**: (845) 339-4019

**Service(s) offered:** Supplemental food and emergency food assistance to local families

Who are in need.

**Hours of Operation:** 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Every Sunday 12:30-2:00 p.m. Our email address is

Bread-of-life@kingsfire.org

**Restrictions:** Serves local families who are in need.

**How accessed:** Self-referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home

Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal

Sites, Food Stamps

Service category: Emergency Food Pantries; Highland Area

**Program Name: Family Outreach Food Pantry** 

**Address:** 157 Vineyard Ave. (Rts. 44-55)

Highland NY 12528

**Telephone number:** (845) 380-8799

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply based on need.

**Hours of Operation:** Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month 2:00pm – 6:00 pm;

also available on an emergency basis 24/7

**Restrictions:** None

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

#### **Program Name: Highland Community Action**

**Address:** 15 Church St.

Highland NY 12528

**Telephone number:** (845) 691-8722

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for low income/fixed income persons;

also assist with HEAP and anything else seniors need help with.

**Hours of Operation:** Food pantry – Monday, Tuesday & Friday 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.

and 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Wednesday after 1:00p.m. there is free

produce and bread

**Restrictions:** None

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

Service category: Emergency Food Pantries; Marlboro Area

**Program Name: St. Mary's Church** 

**Address:** St. Mary's Rectory

Grand St. Marlboro, NY

**Telephone number:** (845) 236-4340

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply

**Hours of Operation:** Monday, 1 p.m. -4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11:00 am -2 p.m.; Friday,

10a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Serves the Marlboro area. May access food pantry once a month

for Marlboro residents only.

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

Sites, Food Stamps

## Program Name: St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry

Address: St. James Roman Catholic Church

North Road

Milton, NY 12547

**Telephone number:** (845) 795-5430

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply

**Hours of Operation:** Flexible

**Restrictions:** Limited to once a month

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

Service category: Emergency Food Pantries; New Paltz Area

#### Program Name: St. Joseph's Church Food Pantry

**Address:** St. Joseph's Church

34 South Chestnut St. New Paltz NY 12561

**Telephone number:** (845) 255-5635

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need

**Hours of Operation:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday;11 a.m. – noon

**Restrictions:** No residency restrictions; must show identification; limited to once

a month.

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

**Program Name: Family of New Paltz Food Pantry** 

**Address:** 51 North Chestnut St.

New Paltz NY 12561

**Telephone number:** (845) 255-8801

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those in need

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Friday, 10a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Limited to once every 30 days

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

Service category: Emergency Food Pantries, Rondout Valley

**Program Name: Rondout Valley Food Pantry** 

Address: 3021 Route 213 East

Stone Ridge NY 12484

**Telephone number:** (845) 687-4013

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those residents in the Rondout

Valley School District who are in need

**Hours of Operation:** Must call answering machine and leave name and phone number;

someone will get back to discuss needs. Pick up of food on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8 to 10a.m..

**Restrictions:** Mandatory 4 week waiting period between requests. Serves only

those who are residents of the Rondout Valley school district.

**How accessed:** Self referral; must call to make arrangements to pick up food.

**Program Name: Rochester Food Pantry** 

**Address:** Accord Fire House

12 Main St.

Accord NY 12404

**Telephone number:** (845) 626-7501

**Service(s) offered:** Four day emergency food supply for those who are in need. Pantry

has freezers and refrigerator; can supply perishable food.

**Hours of Operation:** Call to arrange appointment (626-7501) and someone will get back

to you.

**Restrictions:** Service is limited to those living within the town of Rochester and

may be accessed once every month.

**How accessed:** Self referral; must call to arrange for pick up of food.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home

Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal

Sites, Food Stamps

Service category: Emergency Food Pantries, Saugerties Area

**Program Name: God Given Bread Food Pantry** 

**Address:** Atonement Lutheran Church

100 Market St.

Saugerties NY 12477

**Telephone number:** (845) 246-8322

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need

**Hours of Operation:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday -- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Saugerties residents

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal

Sites, Food Stamps

Program Name: St. John the Evangelist Church Food Pantry

**Address:** St. John the Evangelist Church

915 Rt. 212

Saugerties NY 12477

**Telephone number:** (845) 246-9581

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need.

**Hours of Operation:** Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. – noon

**Restrictions:** Serves community residents residing within the boundaries of St.

John the Evangelist Church parish (Saugerties residents west of the

Thruway). May obtain food once each month.

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

# **Program Name: Saugerties Food Pantry, sponsored by Saugerties Council of Churches**

**Address:** 44 Livingston St.

Saugerties, NY 12477

**Telephone number:** (845) 246-6885

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply

**Hours of Operation:** Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. – noon; Tuesday, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Must live in the Saugerties area; can obtain food once each month

How accessed: Self referral; no appointment needed. Must have current photo

ID with current address on the ID.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

Service category: Emergency Food Pantries, Wallkill Area

**Program Name: Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry** 

Address: Wallkill Reformed Church

Bridge St. and Church St.

Wallkill NY 12589

**Telephone number:** (845) 895-2181

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need.

**Hours of Operation:** Thursdays, from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, from 11 a.m.-1: p.m.

**Restrictions:** Must reside within the Wallkill School District; please bring proof

of address.

How accessed: Self referral, no appointment necessary.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

## **Program Name: His Love Unveiled Food Pantry**

Address: Mid-Hudson Christian Church

> 2393 Route 300 Wallkill, NY 12589

**Telephone number:** (845) 895-3006

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need.

Hours of Operation: 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 12 noon – 1:30 p.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday,

6:30p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Serves Ulster County residents. Must provide proof of residence,

proof of income, and identification for all family members.

How accessed: Self referral, no appointment necessary.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

#### Service category: Emergency Food Pantries, Wawarsing/Ellenville Area

## **Program Name: Ellenville United Methodist Church**

Address: 83 Canal St. Ellenville NY 12428

**Telephone number:** (845) 647-7094

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are financially eligible.

**Hours of Operation:** Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**Restrictions:** Must bring photo identification or bill with applicant's name and

street address

**How accessed:** Self referral; always call first at 9 a.m. on Wednesday to ensure

that pantry is open.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

#### **Program Name: Family of Ellenville Food Pantry**

**Address:** Family of Ellenville

221 Canal St.

Ellenville NY 12428

**Telephone number:** (845) 647-2443

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Limited to once each month. Must present proof of identity for

each member of the household.

**How accessed:** Self referral, no appointment required.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

#### **Program Name: Hosanna Assembly of God Food Pantry**

**Address:** Hosanna Assembly of God Church

178 Canal St.

Ellenville NY 12428

**Telephone number:** (845) 647-4341

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need

**Hours of Operation:** Every second Friday of the month, from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

**Restrictions:** None

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment required.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

## **Program Name: Seventh Day Adventist Church Food Pantry**

**Address:** Seventh Day Adventist Church

Clinton and Center St. Ellenville NY 12428

**Telephone number:** (845) 647-5998

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply

**Hours of Operation:** The last Monday and Tuesday of each month from February

through December (closed in January); hours are 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Serves residents of the town of Wawarsing.

**How accessed:** Self referral, no appointment necessary. Must bring proof of

identification including Social Security card, and/or

Medicaid/Medicare card.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

#### **Program Name: Community Action Food Pantry**

**Address:** Community Action

85 Center St.

Ellenville, NY 12428

**Telephone number:** (845) 647-6061

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – noon; 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Ulster County residents. Social Security card and income

verification for every family/household member.

Once every 60 days.

**How accessed:** Self-referral, no appointment necessary.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

## **Program Name: St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Food Pantry**

**Address:** St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church

And Our Lady of Lourdes

137 S. Main St. Ellenville NY 12428

**Telephone number:** (845) 647-6080 (Church) (845) 647-6080, Ext. 304 Food Pantry

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need

**Hours of Operation:** Please call the hot line listed above (647-6080, ext 304) to arrange

for food pick up on Thursdays. Call on Tuesday to pick up on

Thursday after 3:00 p.m.

**Restrictions:** None

**How accessed:** Self referral; must call to make arrangements to receive food.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

Service category: Emergency Food Pantries; Woodstock Area

#### **Program Name: Family of Woodstock Food Pantry**

**Address:** Family of Woodstock

16 Rock City Road Woodstock, NY 12498

**Telephone number:** (845) 679-2485

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need

**Hours of Operation:** Weekdays and weekends from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Serves Woodstock and western portion of Ulster County. Limited

to once a month.

**How accessed:** Self referral, no appointment needed.

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

## **Program Name: Good Neighbors' Food Pantry, sponsored by the Woodstock Council of Churches**

**Address:** Woodstock Dutch Reformed Church

18 Tinker St.

Woodstock NY 12498

**Telephone number:** (845) 679-6610

**Service(s) offered:** Emergency food supply for those who are in need

**Hours of Operation:** Wednesdays, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Thursdays 9 a.m. – 12 Noon

**Restrictions:** Primarily serves Woodstock area, but will serve anyone in need.

**How accessed:** Self referral, no appointment needed.

**See also:** Home-Delivered Meals, Special Needs Food Pantries, Personal Care Items Pantries, Senior Dining Sites, Congregate Meal Sites, Food Stamps

## Service category: Special Needs Food Pantry

#### **Program Name: Catholic Charities Special Needs Food Pantry**

**Address:** 59 Pearl St.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 340-9170

**Service(s) offered:** This food pantry provides emergency food supplies to persons with

chronic illness who have special dietary requirements, such as

diabetics, cardiac and cancer patients. It is available to persons of all ages, with the following restrictions: applicants must have a physician's order stating that they have special dietary needs or bring a bottle of prescription medicine. They must be at or below poverty level. Serves persons residing anywhere in the county.

**Hours of operation:** Tuesdays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: Free

**How accessed:** Call to ensure that the pantry is open and that special foods will be

ready for you. First-time users will need a physician's order or bottle of prescription medication and proof of income-eligibility.

May obtain food two times each month.

**Program Name: People's Place** 

**Address:** 773 Broadway

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-4030

**Service(s) offered:** Limited supply of food supplies to persons with chronic illness

who have special dietary requirements, such as diabetics, cardiac

and cancer patients.

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Serves the greater Kingston area.

**How accessed:** First-time users should have a physician's order describing dietary

restrictions.

See also: Emergency Food Pantries, Soap Closets, Congregate Meal Sites,

Home Delivered Meals, Food Stamps

Service category: Personal Care Items

**Program Name: Holy Cross Soap Closet** 

**Address:** 30 Pine Grove Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 331-6796

**Service(s) offered:** The Soap Closet provides cleaning products and personal care

items only such as soap, detergent, shampoo. (These are items which cannot be purchased with food stamps, and are not always available at food pantries.) Serves persons residing anywhere in the county.

Hours of operation: Open only Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the last full week

of each month at the following times: Tuesday and Thursday, from

10 a.m. to noon; Wednesday from 1 p.m. -3 p.m.

**Cost:** No charge

**How accessed:** No appointment or referrals are required.

**Program Name: People's Place** 

**Address:** 773 Broadway

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-4030

**Service(s) offered:** Limited supplies of personal care items are available.

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Restrictions:** Serves the greater Kingston area. Can use service once each month

**How accessed:** Self referral; no appointment needed.

Service category: Food Stamp Program/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

**Program** 

**Program Definition:** The Food Stamp Program is a state-administered federal nutrition

assistance program, It is designed to be a supplement to the household budget in order to provide a healthy diet, which is an essential component of well-being for persons of all ages, including senior citizens. Assistance is available to those who

meet financial eligibility guidelines.

Although the program is still called 'Food Stamps,' it does not use coupons or food stamp books. Since December of 2000, the system has been changed to an electronic one, called the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT). Benefits are authorized in an account that is accessed by the recipient at participating retail stores through the use of a benefit card and personal identification number (PIN).

It works much the same way a bank debit card does. Each month, an amount of credit is placed in the account, and the recipient can

spend up to that amount for food.

**Address:** Ulster County Department of Social Services

1051 Development Court Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone:** (845) 334-5200

**Service Offered:** Monthly financial assistance to be used specifically for the

purchase of food.

**Applications:** You may apply online at <u>www.mybenefits.ny.gov</u> or telephone

**Restrictions:** Although the program is income-based, the criteria for senior

citizens is less restrictive. It is based on net income – income after allowable medical costs and shelter deductions are deducted. Allowable medical costs of more than \$35 per month which are

excluded from income include:

• Most medical costs, such as doctor bills, prescription drugs

and over-the-counter medication when approved by a doctor, dentures, inpatient and outpatient hospital expenses and nursing care. Other medically-related expenses, such as

certain transportation cists, attendant care and health

insurance premiums are also included.

**How Accessed:** Call the Department of Social Services for further information

**See also:** Ulster County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Sites, Home-Delivered Meals, Congregate Meals, Food Pantries, Special Needs Food Pantries, Personal Care Items

#### **Service category: Support Groups**

There are several support groups located within Ulster County which may be helpful to senior citizens and/or to their caregivers.

Basically, there are two kinds of groups. Some of them are lead by experts in the field, and may have regular programs of guest speakers offering information about specific aspects of the topic. Others are essentially support groups of people who share the same concerns and find that getting together provides them with the opportunity to discuss issues with like-minded people.

Telephone numbers are provided. It is recommended that you call before attending your first meeting for two reasons.

- Sometimes, groups cease to exist, change their meeting times, dates and locations.
- You can ask what the program and design of the support group is, in order to

determine if it best suits your needs.

The support groups named in this guide were existing at the time of publication, but are subject to change.

#### Program Name: RAPP (Relatives as Parents Program

**Provider Agency:** Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ulster County, Kingston

**Telephone number:** (845) 340-3990

**Service(s) offered:** FREE & confidential information for any adults residing in Ulster

County who are raising the child of relatives. Peer Support Groups include Childcare assistance in parenting and coping skills; nutrition education; financial manangement; youth development & Kidz Club;

useful resources guidance & understanding.

**Meeting Time**: Call Jennifer Patterson at 845-340-3990

## Program Name: Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group: Kingston

**Meeting address:** Always There

918 Ulster Ave. Kingston, NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 339-6683, Ext. 3303. Please call ahead to register.

**Service(s) offered:** Support and information for those who care for persons with

Alzheimer's Disease. Free and open to the public, but preregistration is required. Free respite care is offered during the

group.

**Meeting Time:** 2nd Monday of each month, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

#### Program Name: Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group: Woodstock

**Meeting address:** Christ Lutheran Church

26 Mill Hill Road Woodstock, NY

**Telephone number:** (845) 471-2655

**Service(s) offered:** Support and information for those who care for persons with

Alzheimer's Disease. Free and open to the public, but pre-

registration is required.

**Meeting Time:** 3rd Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m.

**Program Name: Diabetes Support Group: Kingston** 

**Meeting address:** Kingston Hospital Diabetes Center

37 Albany Ave. Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 334-4249

**Service(s) offered:** Education and support for diabetics and their caregivers/family

members.

**Meeting Time**: Every  $3_{rd}$  Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Program Name: Family and Caregivers of Cancer Patients Support Group** 

Meeting address: Cancer Support House

80 Marys Ave. Kingston NY 12401

**Mailing address:** Benedictine Hospital

105 Marys Ave. Kingston, NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 339-2071

Service(s) offered: Education and support for family members and caregivers of

cancer patients.

**Meeting Time:** 3rd Monday of each month, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Program Name: Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group: Town of Ulster

Meeting address: Resource Center for Accessible Living

727 Ulster Ave. Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** 845 331-0541

Service(s) offered: Support and information for those with traumatic brain injury and

their caregivers.

Meeting Time: 2nd Monday of each month, 3:30 p.m.

Service category: Home Based Family Support Services

Program Name: Ulster County Office for the Aging Case Management

Address: 1003 Development Court

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 340-3456

Service(s) offered: Case Management is a comprehensive program which looks at the

many facets of seniors' needs and problems, then works with the

clients to set up a care plan to address the issues.

Ulster County Office for the Aging can provide case management

to those senior citizens with physical and financial need.

These services include the Expanded in-Home Services for the Elderly Program, a uniform program of case management, nonmedical in-home services, non institutional respite and ancillary services, such as lifeline and safe return bracelets, for the elderly

who need long term care, but are not eligible for Medicaid.

Process: Case managers meet with clients and family members in their

homes to discuss their desires, strengths and needs, and together,

they set up a plan for action.

This includes incorporation of Office for the Aging direct services including home delivered meals, subsidized day care, personal

care, home care or Lifeline.

The case manager assists the client to apply for entitlements such as SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, HEAP (Home Energy Assistance

Program) funds if they have no one to assist them.

The case manager assesses the client's housing. If needed, the case manager assists the client to apply for or obtain home modification through the Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL) or

applying for Senior Housing, if that is necessary.

The case manager works with families and caregivers to help incorporate them into the plan of care and prevent burnout. This

includes Caregiver Support Groups facilitated by OFA.

The case manager assists clients either directly or through referral

to obtain services from other agencies such as the Department of Social Services, Veterans' Administration, Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Alzheimer's Association.

As the client needs a more protective environment, the case manager, assists the individual to obtain placement in an assisted living facility or nursing home. The case manager will also assist the client to apply for chronic care Medicaid, and to obtain the PRI (Patient Review Instrument) required for placement in most facilities if they have no one to assist them.

**Cost:** Case management provided by the Ulster County Office for the

Aging is offered at no charge. Some of the programs to which the client may be referred have fees for service, and the client will be

informed of this at the initial meeting.

**How accessed:** Call or visit the office

**Program Name: Jewish Family Services** 

**Address:** 280 Wall Street

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-2980

**Service(s) offered:** This is a non-denominational short-term program designed for

homebound elders and their family caregivers. It focuses on providing counseling and support to both the caregiver and the recipient. It is staffed by professional social workers, who go into clients' homes to meet with the family on an on-going basis.

Short-term counseling and support

Problem-solving skills and techniques

• Information and referrals to other programs and services

within the community.

Cost: Sliding scale fee

**Support Group Schedule:** For the Caregiver Support Group Schedule and/or the

Bereavement Support Group Schedule, call or visit the office at the above listed address and phone number.

Service category: Adult Day Care Centers

There are two types of adult day care centers as defined by the New York State Department of Health: the medical model which provides medical monitoring, counseling, therapy and activities; and the social model, which provides socialization, supervision and activities. It offers respite to family members and caregivers, as well as providing a supervised setting when caregivers are at work or away during the day time.

Within Ulster County, there are currently one medical model day care programs (Ten Broeck Commons in Lake Katrine) and three social model day care programs (Canal Lodge Adult Day Care Center in Ellenville, Greenkill Avenue Day Care Center in Kingston, and Multi-County Community Development Adult Day Services in Highland). More detailed information about each program follows.

#### Program Name: Ten Broeck Commons (medical model program)

**Address:** One Commons Drive

Lake Katrine, NY 12449

**Telephone number:** (845) 336-6666

**Service(s) offered:** Day care services providing medical monitoring, counseling,

therapy and activities. Physical, occupational and speech therapy

are provided, as directed by individual's physician.

As needed, blood work, X-rays, dental care and eye care can be

provided.

Continental breakfast, hot lunch and afternoon snack are included

in the program.

**Restrictions:** Wheelchair-bound and/or incontinent individuals can register for

the program. Patients must demonstrate medical necessity for

admission.

**Hours of operation:** Program operates from 9-4, Monday through Friday.

Transportation is not provided. (Medicaid may provide

transportation for Medicaid clients.)

**How Accessed:** Physician's written orders are required for admission to program.

**Cost:** Medicaid, Private pay.

Some services may be covered by Long Term Care Insurance.

**Program Name: Always There (social model program)** 

**Address:** 918 Ulster Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 339-3679

**Service(s) offered:** Breakfast, hot lunch and afternoon snack are included in the

program.

Activities include a regular schedule of activities, socialization, light exercise, entertainment programs. There is computer access for internet and email, and there is a magnifying reader for low vision. Group trips are also scheduled, and the cost is underwritten by fundraising activities. Personal care is provided, patient's medications can be pre-poured, and special dietary needs can be met. Wheelchair-bound, incontinent, Alzheimer's and/or dementia

patients may be accommodated.

**Restrictions:** Individuals requiring medical care or physical therapy are not

appropriate for this program.

**Hours of operation:** Program operates from 7:30 – 5:30, Monday through Friday.

Individuals can attend as many days each week as they wish on

along or short-term basis. Transportation can be provided.

**How Accessed:** Call to discuss application and fees.

**Cost:** Private pay. Participants may be eligible for placement paid for by

a long-term home health care agency.

Program Name: Valley Vista Adult Day Care Center (social model program)

**Address:** 141 North Road

Highland, NY 12528

**Telephone number:** (845) 691-7400

**Service(s) offered:** Breakfast and lunch are provided daily to meet various diet plans.

Services include physical exercise, social interaction, educational opportunities, memory enhancement activities, and independent living skills in an affordable home-like atmosphere. Activities include those which pique each individual's interest, and reduce stress. There is also on-site physical and occupational therapy providing education and training in daily living skills in the home.

**Hours of operation:** Program operates from 6:00 A.M - 6:00 P.M. Monday through

Friday. Early drop off hours or late pick up hours must be pre-

arranged.

**How Accessed:** Call to discuss application and fees.

**Cost:** Medicaid or private pay.

#### Service category: Home Care, Long and Short Term

For many seniors whose health is beginning to decline, living at home is a viable and less costly alternative than moving into a nursing home. It does, however, require the assistance and support of programs and services to ensure that needs are being met.

Within Ulster County, there are several programs that can help. Care can range from household tasks to skilled nursing services. This guide will discuss those which the Ulster County Office for the Aging has contracts, and maintains a record of licensure and inspections by state agencies. Each listing will describe the services available through the specific agency. Not all agencies provide every service. For this reason, it is often advisable to work through the Office for the Aging or a Certified Home Health Agency, which can coordinate a care plan and make the appropriate arrangements. (Programs of the Office for the Aging and Certified Home Health Agencies are described more fully in this chapter of the guide.)

#### Definition of terms used:

Case management – coordination of a client/patient's health care services to ensure appropriate, quality care as their health care and social needs change.

<u>Certified home health aide</u> – paraprofessional caregivers through New York State approved programs provide hands-on personal care, expanded health related tasks when trained and supervised by a Registered Nurse, and light home-making tasks.

<u>Companion aide</u> – provides companionship for a client/patient and assistance with tasks such as homemaking, meal planning and preparation, shopping and transportation.

<u>Homemaker</u> – provides assistance with domestic tasks such as light housekeeping, laundry, shopping and meal preparation.

<u>Licensed practical nurse</u> – provides a broad range of nursing services, including administration of prescription medicines, insulin injections and monitoring of vital signs.

<u>Nutrition educator</u> – provides nutritional services to the client/patient as prescribed by the physician, including nutrition assessment, and counseling to meet normal and therapeutic needs.

Occupational therapist (OT)—performs diagnostic tests, measurements and evaluations, such as mobility of joints, strength and endurance of muscles. Initiates and applies appropriate prevention, therapeutic and rehabilitative occupational therapy procedures and techniques.

<u>Personal care aide</u> (PCA) – trained paraprofessional assists sick or disabled individuals with personal care and homemaking tasks.

<u>Physical therapist</u> (PT) – performs diagnostic tests and evaluations such as joint mobility, stability and appearance of walking, strength and muscle endurance.

Registered nurse (RN) – performs all nursing functions including the most highly technical procedures, such as caring for clients/patients on ventilators or providing home infusion therapy. Performs client/patient assessments, initiates nursing services and makes appropriate referrals. Takes the role of case manager in a certified agency.

Respiratory therapist (RT) – employs specific testing techniques to assist in diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of those with respiratory problems. Provides respiratory rehabilitation, appropriate instruction and supportive counseling for the client/patient and family.

<u>Speech therapist</u> – assesses and evaluates client/patient's needs for speech, language and/or auditory services. Initiates and applies appropriate preventive, therapeutic and rehabilitative procedures and techniques.

## Service category: Nursing and Homemaking Service Providers

For those seniors who are able to remain at home, but require help to do so, there are several local Nursing and Homemaker Service Providers. Services are provided to those people with temporary or chronic needs who cannot perform day to day tasks, and range from assistance in shopping, meal preparation, laundry and other household tasks, as well as bathing and grooming. Not all agencies provide all services. It is important that, before you select a provider, you know exactly what services are required and determine if a single agency can accommodate all of these needs.

For more information about the specific services provided by an agency, call the Office for the Aging at (845) 334-5125, or call the agency directly. They all charge a set hourly fee, and that fee may vary, depending upon both the agency and the services required.

The following agencies which serve Ulster County are licensed and or/certified by the New York State Department of Health.

- A & T 101 Hurley Avenue Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 331-7868
- Any-Time Home Care, Inc. 652 Aaron Ct. Kingston NY 12401

#### (945) 340-0100

- Bermac Home Aides, Inc.
  2 Grove St.
  New Paltz, NY 12561
  (845) 255-4200, or 1-800-281-2182; or
  8 Trinity Court
  Saugerties NY 12477
  (845) 246-5000, or 1-800-281-2182
- Home Health Care & Companion Agency, Inc.
  366 Albany Ave.
  Kingston NY 12401
  (845) 331-1966
  Mid-Hudson Managed Home Care
  243 Route 17K
- 243 Route 17K Newburgh NY 12550 (845) 567-3022
- Always There
  918 Ulster Ave.
  Kingston NY 12401
  (845) 339-6683
- Unlimited Care Inc.
  138 Pine St.
  Kingston NY 12401
  (845) 331-0114
- WillCare 15 Joys Lane, Suite 2 Kingston NY 12401 (845) 331-5064

There are other services listed in local telephone books and newspaper advertisements. For your own security and peace of mind, you should check to determine if they are licensed and certified before you engage them.

## Service category: Certified Home Health Agencies

**Program definition**: Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHAs) provide part-

time, intermittent health care and support services to individuals who need intermediate and skilled health care. CHHAs can also provide long-term nursing and home health aide services, can help patients determine the level of services they need, and can either provide or arrange for

other services including physical, occupational and speech therapy, medical supplies and equipment, and social worker

and nutrition services.

**Eligibility:** Services provided by CHHAs may be reimbursed by

Medicare, Medicaid, private payment and some health

insurers.

**How accessed:** Referrals to CHHAs may come from sources including

physicians or hospital discharge planners, or the patient can look for visiting nurse providers in the telephone book. This guide provides information about the three Ulster County based Certified Home Health Agencies. The Ulster County Department of Social Services contracts with these

agencies to provide services.

**Services:** Please check carefully with each agency, because not all of

them provide all services.

Oversight: The New York State Department of Health licenses

Certified Home Health Agencies, and has in place

regulations to ensure that staff are appropriately qualified,

trained and supervised.

Unannounced surveys by the state assess CHHAs'

compliance standards governing the quality and scope of

services.

The following agencies, all of which are New York State

Department of Health certified,

provide service to residents of Ulster County.

#### **Always There**

**Address:** 918 Ulster Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone:** (845) 339-6683

**Services:** Skilled nursing and professional home care services to residents of

Ulster County. This service is available to those whose insurance companies require that such care be provided by a certified agency.

**Eligibility:** Any Ulster County resident, as well as to residents of neighboring

counties by this multi-county licensed agency.

**Application:** Services must be ordered by a physician, and coordinated by a

community health nurse; services must be provided in accordance

with regulations established by the New York State Department of

Health.

**Payment:** Medicaid, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and many other insurance

companies may pay for home health care that is medically necessary. Home care services can also be paid for directly by patients and families. Care provided at home is short term,

intermittent in nature, and in lieu of hospitalization.

## **WILLCARE Certified Home Health Care Program**

**Address:** 15 Joys Lane

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone:** (845) 331-3970

**Services:** Skilled nursing and professional home care services to residents of

Ulster County.

**Eligibility**: Ulster County residents, as well as to residents of other counties by

this multi-county licensed agency.

**Application:** Referrals may be made by a physician, hospital discharge planner

or family member. Care is provided under the physician's written

orders.

**Payment**: Medicaid, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and many other insurance

companies may pay for home health care that is medically necessary. Home care services can also be paid for directly by patients and families. Care provided at home is short term,

intermittent in nature, and in lieu of hospitalization.

See also: Long-Term Home Health Care, Adult Day Care (especially Medical Model Adult Day Care), Assisted Living Adult Homes, Licensed Adult Homes, and Nursing Homes, as well as the first section of this guide: the Ulster County Office for the Aging for more helpful information.

## Service category: Community-Based Long Term Care

#### Overview:

Long term care services may include the medical, social, housekeeping, or rehabilitation services a person needs over months or years in order to improve or maintain function or health. Such services are provided not only in nursing homes, but also in patients' homes

or in community-based settings such as assisted-living facilities.

New York State has many services and programs as alternatives to nursing home care. Both medical and non-medical care may be received at home or in residential settings, and can range from simple (light housekeeping) to complex (nursing care or physical therapy) services.

These services may be accessed through private health insurance, a managed care agency, Medicaid or Medicare, depending on financial and medical eligibility, and meet the criteria of the service or program; or they can be assessed by those who are able to pay privately.

• However, while some services are available to persons who are eligible for Medicaid, have Medicare coverage, use their own funds ("private pay"), have private health or long term care insurance, some services are available *only* to persons who are eligible for Medicaid.

(This information has been provided by the New York State Department of Health.) The following pages will provide more specific information about the various programs and services available to Ulster County residents aged 60 and over.

## Service category: Long Term Home Health Care Program

**Program definition**: The Long Term Home Health Care Program is a coordinated plan

of medical, nursing and rehabilitative care provided at home to disabled persons who are medically eligible for placement in a nursing home. It offers an alternative to institutionalization.

The program offers a coordinated network of professional and

supportive health and social services.

The program is designed to enrich and reinforce the person's selfcare capabilities within his/her home environment.

**Eligibility:** This program is available to individuals who are medically

eligible for placement in a nursing home and choose to receive services at home. These individuals must have care costs which are

less than the nursing home cost in the county.

**How accessed:** Individuals can access this program through a referral from the

Ulster County Office for the Aging, the hospital discharge planner, the Ulster County Department of Social Services, or a Long Term Home Health Care Provider. The county determines eligibility for the program, and the Ulster County Department of Social Services

authorizes all services that are provided.

**Services:** All regular Medicaid services are provided, and the following

services may also be available:

- Case management by Registered Nurses (RNs)
- Home delivered or congregate meals
- Housing improvements and moving assistance
- Respiratory therapy
- Medical social services, nutrition and dietary services
- Respite care, social day care and social transportation.

#### **Oversight:**

The Ulster County Department of Social Services is responsible for participating in the periodic reassessment of the services provided. The provider agency is responsible for obtaining physician orders and administering the assessment tools.

The New York State Department of Health periodically surveys the providers to determine the quality and scope of the medical, nursing and rehabilitative care they deliver.

There are two Long Term Home Health Care Programs which operate within Ulster County. Specific information about each is provided on the following pages.

#### **Hudson Valley Long Term Home Health Care Program**

**Address:** 266 Vineyard Ave.

Highland NY 12528

**Telephone:** (845) 691-9225

**Services:** Nursing

Physical Therapy Speech Therapy Nutritional Therapy Respiratory Therapy

Aide services to help with personal care, meal preparation, shopping,

laundry and light housekeeping.

Can also coordinate meals on wheels, a personal emergency response

system and social day care.

Transportation to social day care and medical appointments can be

arranged at no charge.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for the program, a person needs to:

- Be under the care of a physician who agrees to sign orders for home care
- Have applied for Chronic Care Medicaid; or be willing to pay privately for long term home health services
- Be deemed 'appropriate' for homecare after a personal and home assessment

"Appropriate" is defined as:

- A person who can manage to meet his/her health and safety needs independently when the home care staff is off; or
- A person who has a care-giver willing and able to meet health and safety needs when the home care staff is off service; and
- The home environment is equipped for, and can meet, all safety needs.

**Application:** To find out if you are eligible, or how to become eligible,

call (845) 691-9225

**Payment:** Medicaid or private pay

## **WILLCARE Home Care Program**

**Address:** 15 Joys Lane

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone:** (845) 331-3970

**Services**: Health care and supportive services can include the following

options, as needed:

Comprehensive case management

Professional nursing care Home health aide service Personal care aide service Homemaker service

Physical, occupational, respiratory therapy

Speech/language pathology service

Medical social work service

Nutrition counseling

Medical supplies and equipment

24-hour on-call service PRI and screen assessment

Adult day care

Home delivered meals

Transportation

Home maintenance program

Personal Emergency Response System (Lifeline)

**Eligibility**: To be eligible for the program, a person needs to meet the

following criteria:

• Be under the care of a physician who agrees to sign orders for

home care

• Be Medicaid-eligible; or be willing to pay privately for long term home health services

• Be deemed appropriate for homecare after a personal and home assessment.

**Application**: Referrals are accepted from patients, physicians, hospital

personnel, community agencies, families and other concerned

individuals.

**Payment**: Medicaid or private pay

## Section C: When It Is No Longer Possible To Remain At Home

## **Senior Citizen Housing: Lease Termination**

There are times when senior citizens find it necessary to move due to changes in their health or financial situations. They may have signed lease arrangements which they are reluctant to break because of penalties in those contracts. New York State has very specific laws regulating and permitting lease termination for senior citizens.

Section 227(a) of New York State Real Property Law spells out the rights of people aged 62 and over to terminate a residential lease or rental agreement before the specified time period ends, and Section 227(a) specifies the conditions under which the termination can take place.

Terminating a lease according to the stipulations of Section 227(a) is a legal termination and is not a lease violation.

This law applies to any type of building or property that the older person is occupying for dwelling purposes (is living there).

This law applies to any leaseholder (the person whose name is on the lease) who is aged 62 or older, or who will become aged 62 during the term of the lease or rental agreement. The law also applies to the leaseholder's husband or wife who is aged 62 or older or who will become aged 62 during the lease's term.

When the lease is terminated, the tenant no longer is responsible for making rent payments to the landlord.

An older tenant can terminate the lease or rental agreement to move into any of the following types of living arrangements;

- Adult Care Facility (four types, commonly known as an Adult Home, Enriched Housing Program, Family Type Home or Residence for Adults);
- Nursing Home;
- Subsidized housing (senior housing or housing meant for tenants of all ages;
- Less expensive senior housing; or
- The home of a family member (after having been certified by a physician as (1) being no longer able, for medical reasons, to live independently, and (2) requiring assistance with instrumental or other activities of daily living).

An older tenant can terminate the lease and move into one of the above alternative living arrangements by notifying the landlord/owner/lessor. The notification must:

- Be made in writing and signed by the tenant (or tenant's legal representative);
- Delivered to the owner or the owner's agent; and,
- Include documentation showing he has been notified that he can now move into one of the alternatives above; or, if moving in with a family member, include a physician's certification that he meets the health-related requirements to live with a family member, as well as the family member's documentation that he/she is related to the tenant and that the tenant will live with them for at least six months

The termination will take effect 30 days after the day upon which the next rental payment is due and payable.

(This information has been taken directly from the New York State Office for the Aging "Guide to Senior Housing.")

Section 227(a) of the Real Property Law also imposed the following penalties upon the landlord if he or she does not comply:

If anyone interferes with the removal of your property from the premises, they will be found guilty of a misdemeanor and will be either imprisoned for up to one year or fined up to \$1,000 or both.

#### **Ulster County Adult Care Facilities: An Overview**

The following information has been provided by the New York State Department of Health, which licenses and supervises adult care facilities that provide temporary or long-term, non-medical residential care services to adults who are substantially unable to live independently. Resident dependence may be the result of physical or other limitations associated with age, physical or mental disabilities or other factors.

- Residents of adult homes, enriched housing and assisted living programs are provided with personal care and services on a long-term basis.
- Residences for adults provide long-term residential care with supervision but without personal care.

Most residents of adult care facilities are in need of supervision and personal care services necessary to enable the resident to maintain good personal health and hygiene, to carry out the basic activities of daily living, and to participate in the ongoing activities of the facility.

Personal care includes direction and assistance with grooming (including care of hair and ordinary care of nails, teeth and mouth); dressing; bathing; walking and ordinary movement from bed to chair or wheelchair; eating; and assisting with self-administration of medications

However, residents of adult care facilities must not require the continual medical or nursing services provided in acute care hospitals, in-patient psychiatric facilities, skilled nursing homes or health related facilities, since adult care facilities are not licensed to provide any nursing or medical care.

Under New York State law, no person or organization may operate an adult care facility without an operating certificate from the Department of Health. Operating certificates are issued only to operators who satisfactorily demonstrate good character, competency and the ability to operate facilities in compliance with law and regulations. Facilities are subject to periodic inspection by state staff to determine if the facility is being operated in a manner that protects the health, safety and well-being of the residents. Failure of an operator to comply with regulations may result in fines or action to revoke or suspend the operating certificate.

The following definitions will assist you to understand the kind of facility and the service it is licensed to provide.

**AH – Adult Home:** An Adult Home is established and operated for the purpose of providing long-term residential care, room, board, housekeeping, personal care and supervision to five or more adults unrelated to the operator. Adult homes may be operated by an individual, a partnership, a not-for-profit corporation, a public corporation, a non-publicly traded business corporation or a limited liability company.

**ALP – Assisted Living Program:** An Assisted Living Program, which is available in some Adult Homes and Enriched Housing Programs, combines residential and home care services. It is designed as an alternative to nursing home placement for individuals who historically have been admitted to nursing facilities for reasons that are primarily social, rather than medical in nature. The operator of the assisted living program is responsible for providing or arranging for resident services that must include room, board, housekeeping, supervision, personal care, case management and home health services.

**EHP – Enriched Housing Program:** An Enriched Housing Program is established and operated for the purpose of providing long-term residential care to five or more adults, primarily persons sixty-five years of age or older, in community-integrated settings resembling independent housing units. The program provides or arranges for the provision of room, board, housekeeping, personal care and supervision. Enriched Housing Programs may be operated by an individual, a partnership, a not-for-profit corporation, a public corporation, a non-publicly

traded business or a limited liability company.

**NFP** – **Not For Profit:** NFP is defined as a (Not For Profit) Adult Care Facility.

**PPHA – Private Proprietary Home For Adults:** PPHA is defined in state regulations as an adult care facility which is operated for compensation and profit.

**RESIDENCE – Residence For Adults:** A residence for adults is established and operated for the purpose of providing long-term residential care, room and board; housekeeping and supervision to five or more adults, unrelated to the operator.

**Services for Nonresidents:** Services for nonresidents in adult homes, residences for adults and enriched housing is an organized program of services which an operator is authorized to provide to residents of the above facilities but which are provided to nonresidents who are aged or disabled to enable such persons to remain in or return to the community. These services may include an organized social day care program, temporary residential care, or other services the facility is authorized to provide.

In this section of the *Guide*, there are four categories of facilities. You will be able to determine what level of care is provided in each of the categories. It is recommended that, if possible, you tour the facility in person prior to placement.

The first category is Licensed Adult Homes, which are suitable for those with minimal health care needs. These are generally private pay facilities.

Assisted Living facilities are able to provide more structured health care, and can accommodate persons who require support services. It is important to verify if the specific needs of the individual can be met. These facilities may be partially Medicaid funded.

<u>Nursing Homes</u> provide the most structured health care, and may be Medicaid, Medicare, Private Pay or third-party insurance funded.

<u>Hospice Care</u>, which can be provided either in the home, at a nursing home, or in a special unit at Benedictine Hospital, is a comprehensive care plan for the terminally ill. Most health insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid, cover the cost.

#### Service category: Licensed Adult Home

There are three adult homes located within Ulster County which are licensed by the New York State Department of Health. Homes which accommodate fewer than five unrelated persons require no license, and are not listed in this guide.

#### **Program Name: Culinarians' Home**

**Address:** 71 Old Tschirky Road

New Paltz, NY 12561

**Telephone number:** (845) 255-7010

Certificate Number: 740 - E - 002

**Accommodations:** 13 rooms

**Service(s) offered:** All meals, housekeeping, laundry, linens, personal services

including medication management and bathing assistance. Rooms are furnished, but residents may bring small articles of furniture such as an easy chair and television. (Cable is provided.) Weekly shopping trips are offered; residents may go out on their

own and may also have their own automobiles on site.

**Cost:** Varies, depending on type of accommodation selected.

**How accessed:** Call for application. Application procedure includes: completion of

application form, pre-admission interview, and completion of medical evaluation at the time a room becomes available.

**Restrictions:** Residents must be ambulatory; walkers or canes may be used, but

must not require wheelchairs. Must meet other physical and medical requirements as outlined in the medical evaluation. No

nursing or medical services are offered.

**See also:** Senior Citizen Housing, Certified Home Health Agencies,

Longterm Home Health Care, Assisted Living Homes, Nursing

Homes, Hospice

**Program Name: Hudson Valley Senior Residence** 

**Address:** 80 Washington Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 331-0630

Certificate Number: 740 - E - 006

**Accommodations:** Semi-private or private rooms, extra-large rooms or two room

suites, all with private baths. Applicants may furnish their own

rooms, if desired.

**Service(s) offered:** All meals, housekeeping, laundry, linens, personal services

including medication management and bathing assistance.

Residents are welcome to have guests for meals. They may have

their own automobiles on site.

**Cost:** Varies, depending on type of accommodation selected. Private pay.

**How accessed:** Call for brochure and application. Application procedure includes:

completion of application form, pre-admission interview, and completion of medical evaluation by a psychiatrist if applicant is

receiving mental health services.

**Restrictions:** Residents must be ambulatory or able to self transfer from

wheelchair to commode, and meet other physical and medical requirements as outlined in the medical evaluation. No nursing or

medical services are offered.

**See also:** Senior Citizen Housing, Certified Home Health Agencies,

Longterm Home Health Care, Assisted Living Homes, Nursing

Homes, Hospice

**Program Name: Mountain Valley Manor** 

**Address:** 397 Wilbur Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 331-1254 **Fax number:** (845) 331-1255

Certificate Number: 740 - F - 078

**Accommodations:** 51 beds, private rooms with 4 couple suites included. All rooms

have private, attached half baths. Residents may furnish their own rooms. Each room is independently heated and air conditioned,

along with basic cable and private phone capability.

**Service(s) offered:** 24 hour care, 365 days a year. Respite services are available.

Daily care includes: medication supervision, dietary monitoring, physical fitness, recreational activities, assistance with personal hygiene and dressing, along with housekeeping and security.

**Cost:** Varies for services requested (Seasonal, Residency or Respite)

Private pay.

**How accessed:** You can call for an application, stop in for a walk-in tour, or visit the website at mountainvalleymanor.com

**Restrictions:** Residents must be able to ambulate to and from meals, perform their own daily living and be continent.

**See also:** Senior Citizen Housing, Certified Home Health Agencies,

Longterm Home Health Care, Assisted Living Homes, Nursing

Homes, Hospice

**Program Name: Moran's Rest Home** 

Address: 1741 State Route 32

Modena NY 12548

**Telephone number:** (845) 883-7115

Certificate Number: 740-F-008

**Accommodations:** 32 beds, private and semi-private. Residents may bring items of

furniture which will fit into the rooms. Rooms are equipped for cable television service; have telephone jacks (residents may have

their own telephone lines and be billed directly).

**Service(s) offered:** All meals, housekeeping, laundry, linens, personal services

including medication management and bathing assistance. 24 hour supervision. No nurse on staff. There is a medical doctor as well

as a foot doctor who make house calls to residents.

Guests are welcomed for meals. Non-denominational religious services are held weekly, Catholic Eucharist ministers offer communion on Sundays. Social activities are regularly scheduled. Visits from pets who have had their rabies shots are welcomed.

**Cost:** Varies, depending on type of accommodation selected. Private pay,

SSI.

**How accessed:** Call for application. Application procedure includes: completion of

application form, completion of medical evaluation form, physical examination and PPD test within one month prior to admission.

**Restrictions:** Residents must be ambulatory, no wheelchairs. No nursing or

medical services are offered. Patients are encouraged to have physician's standing orders for medications other than their regular

prescriptions. If special dietary restrictions are required, this

information should be provided.

**See also:** Senior Citizen Housing, Certified Home Health Agencies,

Longterm Home Health Care, Assisted Living Homes, Nursing

Homes, Hospice

## Service category: Assisted Living Adult Homes

There are two Assisted Living Homes in Ulster County which are licensed by the New York State Department of Health.

**Program Name: Highland Assisted Living Center** (Sherri Brittain, Administrator)

**Address:** 1 Grove St.

Highland NY 12528

**Telephone number:** (845) 691-8399

Certificate Number: 740 - F - 054

**Accommodations:** 46 beds; 2 private and 44 semi-private rooms with private baths,

intercom and emergency call system.

**Service(s) offered:** All meals, housekeeping, laundry, linens, personal services

including medication management and bathing assistance. 24 hour

supervision. Full schedule of daily activities.

Medically developed plan of care, supervision by registered nurse,

medical management.

Support services for conditions including heart disease, pulmonary

problems, stroke, cancer, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. **Cost:** Varies, depending on type of accommodation selected.

Nursin and personal care services are Medicaid reimbursable if

eligible.

Private pay and SSI accepted.

**How accessed:** Call for brochure and application. Application procedure includes:

completion of application form, completion of PRI (Patient

Review Instrument) and staff review.

**See also:** Senior Citizen Housing, Certified Home Health Agencies,

Longterm Home Health Care Adult Homes, Nursing Homes,

Hospice

**Program Name: Valley Vista** 

Address: 141 North Road

Highland NY 12528

**Telephone number:** (845) 834-2999

**Fax number:** (845) 939-3120

**Accommodations:** Semi-private or private furnished rooms with baths. Residents are

encouraged to bring furniture and knick-knacks from home.

**Service(s) offered:** All meals, housekeeping, laundry, medication assistance, bathing

assistance, daily activities and outings, on-site independent physician's office, and regular visits from other medical

specialists.

Also offer physical therapy, healing therapeutics, home healthcare, and adult day care. Some examples of treatment include post-stroke complications, geriatric weakness, arthritis, endurance training, muscular strengthening, balance and coordination training, walking abnormality pre/post surgical conditions,

wheelchair assessment, etc.

**Cost:** Varies, depending on type of accommodation selected.

**How accessed:** Call for brochure and application. Application procedure includes:

completion of application form, completion of PRI (Patient

Review Instrument) and staff review.

See also: Ulster County Health Related Facility, Nursing Homes, Adult

Homes, Senior Citizen Housing

### Service category: Nursing Homes Overview

The New York State Department of Health has established the following requirements for Nursing Home Operating Certificates:

**Baseline Services:** Those services included in the daily rate. At the time of admission, a written copy of the following basic services must be made available to all residents:

- the daily, weekly or monthly rate
- board, including therapeutic or modified diets, as prescribed by a doctor.
- lodging a clean, healthful, sheltered environment, properly outfitted.
- dietary services
- 24-hour-per-day nursing care
- pharmacy services
- diagnostic services
- the use of all equipment, medical supplies and modalities used in the care of nursing home residents, including but not limited to catheters, hypodermic syringes and needles, irrigation outfits, dressings and pads, etc.
- fresh bed linen, as required, changed at least twice weekly, including sufficient

quantities of necessary bed linen or appropriate substitutes changed as often as required for incontinent residents

- hospital gowns or pajamas as required by the clinical condition of the resident, unless the resident, family member or designated representative elects to furnish them, and laundry services for these and other launderable personal clothing items
- general household medicine cabinet supplies, including but not limited to nonprescription medications, materials for routine skin care, dental hygiene, care of hair, etc., except when specific items are medically indicated and prescribed for exceptional use for a specific resident
- assistance and/or supervision, when required, with activities of daily living, including but not limited to toileting, bathing, feeding and assistance with getting from place to place
- services, in the daily performance of their assigned duties by members of the nursing home staff assigned to resident care
- use of customarily stocked equipment, including but not limited to crutches, walkers, wheelchairs or other supportive equipment, including training in their use when necessary, unless such items are prescribed by a doctor for regular and sole use by a specific resident
- activities program, including but not limited to a planned schedule of recreational, motivational, social and other activities together with the necessary materials and supplies to make the resident's life more meaningful
- social services as needed
- physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology services, audiology services and dental services, on either a staff or fee-for-services basis, as prescribed by a doctor, administered by, or under the direct supervision of a licensed and currently registered physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist, qualified audiologist or registered dentist.

### Service category: Certified Ulster County Nursing Homes

There are six Nursing Homes located within Ulster County which are licensed by the New York State Department of Health and certified by Medicare and Medicaid. It is important to ensure that the facility chosen is best suited to the needs of the prospective resident. There are frequently waiting lists, so it is wise to consider the optional choices as well.

#### Facility name: Golden Hill Health Care Center

**Address:** 99 Golden Hill Drive

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 340-3390

Website: http://co.ulster.ny.us/goldenhill/index.html

Certificate Number: 5501309N

Medicare Certified Medicaid Certified Certifications:

Residential Health Care – 280 Certified Beds:

**Type of Ownership:** Public – Ulster County

Amenities and Services: Semi-private and private rooms.

Alzheimer's Care/Dementia, Short term rehab

Wound Care, Hospice

Religious services; visits from Eucharistic Ministers. Regular schedule of recreational opportunities, with scheduled transportation for outside activities.

Residents may schedule outside activities, although

transportation is not provided.

Guests welcomed for visits and meals

Residents are encouraged to bring small household items such as a favorite chair or dresser, knickknacks and

television sets

**Admission process:** Call for application. The following documentation is

required:

Completed PRI (Patient Review Instrument)

Recent Medical Exam including chest X-ray and PPD test

Birth certificate, baptismal or naturalization papers

Copy of Social Security Card

Copy of Health Insurance, Medicare and/or Medicaid Card

Power of Attorney **Burial Fund Statement** 

Financial documentation supporting information provided

on the application.

**Methods of Payment**: Medicaid/Medicare, private pay, third-party insurance

# Facility name: Hudson Valley Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center

**Address:** 260 Vineyard Ave.

Highland NY 12528

**Telephone number:** (845) 691-7201

Certificate Number: 5556302N

Medicare Certified Medicaid Certified Certifications:

Residential Health Care – 203 Certified Beds:

**Type of Ownership:** Proprietary – LLC

**Amenities and Services**: Private and semi-private rooms.

Medical, nursing, rehabilitative, social and recreational services for the dependent elderly person, including those

with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Religious services on premises

Scheduled transportation for outside activities

Guests welcomed for visits and meals

Residents are encouraged to bring small household items such as a favorite chair or dresser, knickknacks and

television sets

**Admission process:** Call for admission packet and application. The following

documentation is required:

Copy of Social Security card, Medicare card, third party insurance card (if applicable), Medicaid identification card (if applicable), Social Security check or award letter from Social Security, any other income checks, Power of

Attorney, bank statement, Health Care Proxy (if available).

Completed PRI (Patient Review Instrument) Recent medical history and examination, PPD test

**Methods of Payment**: Medicare/Medicaid, third party insurance, private pay.

### Facility name: Northeast Center for Special Care

Address: 300 Grant Ave.

Lake Katrine NY 12449

**Telephone number:** (845) 336-3500

Website<sup>-</sup> http://www.northeastcenter.com

**Certificate Number:** 5501310N

Medicare Certified Medicaid Certified **Certifications:** 

**Certified Beds:** Residential Health Care – 280

Traumatic Brain Injured -- 180

**Type of Ownership:** Proprietary -- Corporation

Amenities and Services: Private and semi-private rooms; all rooms have half or full

baths.

Facility is specifically for those with brain injury, neurobehavioral disorders, neurological disease, pulmonary rehabilitation and stroke recovery.

It has a 40 bed ventilator unit.

Strong rehabilitation program.

Residents are encouraged to personalize their space with

small pieces of furniture, knickknacks.

Each room has its own television, and computers with internet connection can also be provided for each resident. Eucharistic ministers, Catholic mass, bible study and celebration of other religious holidays observed.

Regular schedule of recreational opportunities, with bus

transportation arranged for outside activities

Guests welcomed for visits and meals

Admission process: Referrals can be made by family members, discharge

planners, case managers, social workers, or physicians. Call

for forms.

**Methods of Payment**: Medicare, Medicaid, third party insurance.

**Facility name: Ten Broeck Commons** 

**Address:** 1 Commons Drive

Lake Katrine NY 12447

**Telephone number:** (845) 336-6666

Website: <a href="http://www.tenbroeckcommons.com/">http://www.tenbroeckcommons.com/</a>

Certificate Number: 5567301N

**Certifications:** Medicare Certified Medicaid Certified

**Certified Beds:** Residential Health Care – 258

**Type of Ownership:** Proprietary – Corporation

**Amenities and Services**: Facility provides multiple levels of care: long-term care,

rehabilitation, post-hospital care and adult day care,

Alzheimer's and dementia care. Full-time medical director

Private and semi-private rooms with bathrooms

Beauty salon, pet therapy, gardening

Friends, family members and pet visits welcome

Family members welcomed for meals

Religious services

Regular schedule of recreational opportunities, with

scheduled transportation for outside activities

Residents are encouraged to bring small household items

such as a favorite chair or dresser, knicknacks and

television sets.

Ten Broeck Commons now offers outpatient services. Call

336-6666 for more information.

**Admission process:** Application is available on the website or by calling. The

following documentation is required:

Completed PRI (Patient Review Instrument)
Recent medical history and examination, PPD test
Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and/or insurance

identification numbers

Contact information for designated representative

Funeral arrangements information

Financial documentation supporting information provided

on the application.

**Methods of Payment**: Medicare/Medicaid, third party insurance, private pay.

## Facility name: The Mountain View Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre

Address: 1 Jansen Road, PO Box 909

New Paltz NY 12561

**Telephone number:** (845) 255-0830

Website: http://www.themountainview@clrchealth.com

Certificate Number: 5522302N

**Certifications:** Medicare Certified Medicaid Certified

**Certified Beds:** Residential Health Care – 79

**Type of Ownership:** Proprietary – LLC

Amenities and Services: 65 private rooms, 3 semi-private rooms, 2 quad rooms; all

with own bathrooms. Alzheimer's Care

Hospice

Long and short term rehabilitation program

IV therapy Hemodialysis

Regular schedule of religious services

Regular schedule of recreational opportunities, including

some out of house

Guests welcomed for visits and meals

Residents are encouraged to bring small household items such as a favorite chair or dresser, knickknacks and television sets (facility has cable TV hookups in each

room)

**Admission process:** Completed PRI (patient review instrument), application

and facility determination that appropriate medical care

can be provided

Methods of Payment: Medicare, Medicaid, many private insurance plans, private

pay.

Facility name: Wingate of Ulster

**Address:** 1 Wingate Way

Highland NY 12528

**Telephone number:** (845) 691-6800

Website: <a href="http://www.wingatehealthcare.com">http://www.wingatehealthcare.com</a>

Certificate Number: 5556301N

**Certifications:** Medicare CertifiedMedicaid Certified

**Certified Beds:** Residential Health Care – 120

**Type of Ownership:** Proprietary – Corporation

**Amenities and Services**: Private rooms with baths, and semi-private rooms.

Wingate does not have a separate Alzheimer/s Unit; care

for wheelchair-bound patients with Alzheimer's is

determined on a case-by-case basis.

Hospice

Short-term stroke program, ventilator program,

rehabilitation program.

Scheduled religious services are provided.

Regular schedule of recreational opportunities, with occasional scheduled transportation for outside activities.

Guests welcomed for visits and meals

Residents are encouraged to bring small household items

such as a favorite chair or knickknacks.

Patients in short-term rehabilitation program have

television and telephone installed in every room; long-term residents' rooms are equipped for television cable and telephone connection; patients may contract for TV and

phone services, providing their own television and/or

telephone.

**Admission process:** Initial assessment by Wingate staff, completed PRI (patient

review instrument), verification of medicaid/medicare or private insurance status, and determination that patient can

be appropriately treated at facility.

Methods of Payment: Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, managed care,

private insurance

Service category: Hospice Services

Program Name: Hospice, Inc.

**Telephone number:** (845) 338-2273, (845) 485-2273, 1-888-696-2273

**Oversight:** The program is licensed by the federal government and the New

York State Department of Health, and is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

(JCAHO).

**Service(s) offered:** Hospice is a comprehensive healthcare program for people with

terminal illnesses and their families. It serves Ulster and Dutchess county residents living at home, in a nursing home or in the

hospital.

Individual care plans are developed, reviewed and updated by the

medical director, the patient's physician and members of the

clinical-care team.

Services provided to the patient may include (as needed): medical director consultations; board-certified Hospice nurses; pain and symptom management; medical social workers; pastoral care; music therapists; home health aides; illness-related medications; medical supplies and equipment; physical, occupational and speech therapy consults; dietary counseling; bereavement counseling and

volunteer assistance.

Services to the family may include instruction on caring for the patient, emotional support, assistance with physical care, help with

filling out paper work and counseling.

**Cost:** Most health insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid, have

Hospice coverage. Some have deductibles and co-payments that apply, but this information will be provided to the patient and/or family at the time of application. Hospice will handle all of the

billing and paperwork.

**How accessed:** The patient, family member, physician, member of the nursing

home staff, hospital social worker or discharge planner can contact Hospice directly. The agency will then contact the physician to

discuss the patient's medical condition.

## **Program Name: Benedictine Hospital Palliative Care And Hospice**

**Address:** 105 Mary's Ave.

Kingston NY 12401

**Telephone number:** (845) 334-3151

**Oversight:** The program is licensed by the federal government and the New

York State Department of Health, and is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

(JCAHO).

Service(s) offered: Benedictine Hospital has created a four-bed unit located in the

Cancer Center of the hospital. It provides service to persons with the following serious illnesses: Parkinson's disease, dementia,

advanced cardiac or pulmonary disease and cancer.

The family-oriented unit is designed to improve the quality of life through reduced pain while end-of-life care is provided through a multi-disciplinary, complementary and supportive team of palliative care specialists.

Caregivers include physicians, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, social workers and chaplains.

The following services are provided:

- Pain management
- Symptom management
- Assistance with end-of-life decision-making
- Case management
- Information and counseling on Advanced Directives and end-of life decisions
- Emotional and spiritual counseling
- Referrals for complementary therapies

The unit has a meeting room, full kitchen and lounge area for family members and visitors.

**Cost:** Most health insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid, have

hospice coverage. Some have deductibles and co-payments that apply, but this information will be provided to the patient and/or family at the time of application. Benedictine Hospital will handle

the billing and paperwork.

**How accessed:** Physician's referral. The patient, family member, nursing home

staff member, hospital social worker or discharge planner can contact the Unit directly. The unit will then contact the physician

to discuss the patient's medical condition.

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