

Service: Medical and Related Services

Loan Closet

Service: Walkers, canes and some other durable medical supplies for loan.

Contact\Fee: Free service. Visit or call the New Scotland Town Clerk at 439-4865, New Scotland Presbyterian Church at 439-6454 or contact the Onesquethaw Ambulance Squad at 768-2823.

<http://www.townofnewscotland.com>

Assistive Device Matchmaking

Service: The TR AidIN Project is a Statewide matchmaking service for those wishing to sell or donate assistive devices for all activities of daily living, such as adaptive clothing and equipment for computers, emergency call systems, hearing or mobility devices, recreation, seating, speech aides, visual, reading or rehabilitation aids, lifts, ramps and more.

Contact/Fee: Visit the State Advocates Office's at <http://www.oapwd.org> or call 800-624-4143.

Capital District Center for Independence, Inc.

Service: The Capital District Center for Independence, Inc. (CDCI) provides information about individual rights, community services, equipment, accessibility, and much more. If we do not have the information or specific service you need, we will try our best to locate it for you. Programs include: Independent Living Skills Training, Client Assistance Program, Systemic Advocacy, Benefits Advisement,

Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program,
Housing and the Ramp Project (see below).

Contact/Fee: 459-6422 or <http://www.cdciweb.com>

Ramp Grants

Service: The RAMP Program provides home access to persons with a mobility impairment so they can remain in their home and continue to be a part of their community. The RAMP Program targets persons with disabilities and/or their families who cannot otherwise afford to build a ramp. The RAMP Program accepts as applicants low to moderate-income persons (80% or below HUD median for area) who lack the resources to pay for a ramp. The program accepts applicants from Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga, Rensselaer and Columbia counties.

Contact/Fee: Subject to feasibility of construction and funding availability. A \$300 donation is requested toward construction, but not mandatory. For more information call 459-6422 or <http://www.cdciweb.com>

Northeastern Association of the Blind

Service: Adaptive equipment and techniques are offered to perform personal and home management tasks, learn safe travel skills and more for the visually impaired. Low vision clinic available for specialized equipment to help overcome visual limitations. Computer adaptive devices, software, computer training classes, job placement and sheltered manufacturing is also available.

Contact\Fee: Free for the legally blind and discounts for others depending upon income. For more information, visit www.naba-vision.org or call 463-1211.

New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CVBH)

Service: The New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH) provides vocational rehabilitation and other direct services to blind and visually impaired New York State residents, including children, adults, and elderly persons. One of CBVH's primary objectives is to assist consumers in achieving economic self-sufficiency and full integration into society. Programs include: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Business Enterprise Program, Children's Program, Transition Program, Summer Recreation Program, Equipment Loan Fund, Independent Living Program.

Contact/Fee: Web Site: www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cbvh Albany District Office 473-1675

American HomePatient Inc.

Service: Medical equipment and supplies, respiratory therapy, wheelchairs, beds, walkers, enteral supplies, etc.

Contact: To learn more, call 452-7017 www.ahom.com

Apria Healthcare

Service: Sales, rental, set-up and delivery of wheelchairs, beds, oxygen, enteral supplies and I.V. infusion equipment.

Contact/Fee: To learn more, call 452-4951 or www.apria.com

Wheelcare

Service: Rental, sales and repair of wheelchairs or electric scooters, as well as ramp sales. Same day service. They DO NOT accept Medicare or Medicaid.

Contact/Fee: To learn more, call 456-6719.

Barrier Free Systems

Service: Sales and service of wheelchair lifts (incline and vertical platform), elevators, stair lifts, ceiling track lifts, automated door openers, pool lifts, lift chairs, accessible showers, portable and permanent ramps.

Contact/Fee: To learn more, call 346-4169.

<http://www.bfsny.com>

Home Therapy Equipment

Service: Sales, service, set-up and delivery of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, scooters, respiratory care, bathroom safety equipment, hospital beds and supplies.

Contact/Fee: For more info, call 664-6654 or

<http://www.hometherapy.net>

Lincare

Service: Sales, rental, set-up, delivery and service of respiratory equipment, wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds and supplies.

Contact/Fee: To learn more, call 782-7770 www.lincare.com

Northeast Home Medical Equipment

Service: Sales, rental, set-up, delivery and service of wheelchairs, walkers, oxygen, hospital beds and medical supplies.

Contact/Fee: To learn more, call 271-9600. www.northeasthealth.com

Easylift Stairlift

Service: Sell, rent, deliver, 24 live operator emergency service, buy-back stairlifts, residential elevators and wheelchair lifts.

Contact: Visit www.easylift.com or call 393-2274.

Star Medical (a division of Apria Healthcare)

Service: At home glucometers and supplies for diabetics

Contact: 1-800-786-2607 <http://www.starmedicalrx.com>

Medical Emergency Alert

Lifeline

Service: Personal emergency response system providing 24 hour emergency help available by the touch of a button even when a telephone is unreachable.

Contact/Fee: Installation fee, plus monthly charge depending on income.

St. Peter's administered service, call 525-1004.
<http://www.sphcs.org>

Eddy's VNA Lifeline services, call 274-6200 or
800-606-1436 <http://www.nehealth.com>

Link to Life, a national service providing customized response protocols, call 1-800-338-4176

<http://www.linktolife.com>

National Lifeline: www.lifelinesystems.com

MedicAlert

Service: ID bracelets with a free phone number to reach a 24 hour service that relates allergies, medications, health conditions, health insurance information, doctors and other important contact people for emergency services personnel.

Contact/Fee: Registration fee of \$39.95, additional charges for a higher quality bracelet, updates or more extensive services. Link to www.medicalert.org or call to register at 1- 888-633-4298.

Safe Return Program (part of Medic Alert)

Service: Alzheimer's Association bracelet with an 800 number listed to reach a service that contacts family members or the police department if a person becomes lost. The service is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Contact/Fee: Registration fee, but scholarships are available. Call 888-572-8566 for more information.

Evacuation Assistance Registry

Service: Albany County Sheriff's Department registry for persons who would require assistance if an evacuation were necessary during an emergency.

Contact/Fee: Albany County Sheriff's Department, Office of Community and Emergency Services 720-8030. A form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.albanycountysheriff.com> (click on forms)

or the Town Clerk at 439-4865.

File of Life

Service: Form inserted in test tube shaped container lists your medications, doctors and other pertinent medical information to keep in your refrigerator. Stickers placed on your refrigerator, door and window notify emergency personnel that record is available.

Contact/Fee: Contact St. Peter's free service at 525-1232

<http://www.sphcs.org>

Health Care Counseling

Health Insurance

Service: New York State Health insurance information and counseling for seniors and their caregivers to assist in sorting through Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance options.

Contact/Fee: For this free service, call 447-7177, Web site: www.albanycounty.com (click on Albany County Department of Aging under Departments and Offices)

Long Term Care Ombudsman

Service: Counseling and advocacy to address problems and concerns with long term care service providers.

Contact/Fee: American Red Cross of Northeastern New York; Mr. Edie Sennett at 458-8111, ext 3006 or email: sennett@redcrossneny.org
<http://www.redcrossneny.org>