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A resource guide to programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.







DISCLAIMER NOTE

The Green Book is intended as a general guide to available resources for a number of topics or programs. Staff at both organizations worked hard to ensure all the information contained in this edition was updated and fully vetted for accuracy. Please know that inclusion of a resource in this publication does not imply endorsement of the organization's purpose, method or quality of service; nor does exclusion of a service provider signify disapproval.

If you wish to receive a printed copy of **The Green Book**, contact Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. at development@esmv.org or 800-892-0890 or Northeast Independent Living Program, Inc. at 978-687-4288. We ask that if you find information that needs to be updated, you email the change(s) to development@esmv.org and both agencies will receive the update.

The Green Book

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The Green Book is a product that supports a shared goal between Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. and the Northeast Independent Living Program – also known as the *Aging and Disability Resource Consortium*. As partners we promote self-determination, honor individual choice, and help the people we serve enjoy a better quality of life.

The Green Book is an easy-to-use resource directory for elders and older adults with disabilities, caregivers, veterans and professionals in the Merrimack Valley. The 2019 edition is an extensive collection of programs, services and other resources for consumers, offered at no cost, and available in both English and Spanish.

It is intended to be used as a guide to provide older consumers or professionals with the widest array of in-home services, community programs or other resources that support an individual's choice to remain independent at home and in the community. Topics include, but are not limited to advocacy, basic needs, health insurance, food, housing, legal services, long-term care, mental health or volunteer opportunities.

We also offer a real-time searchable pdf version of **The Green Book**, available on our websites at www.esmv.org and www.nilp.org.

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Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. (ESMV) is a private non-profit agency established in 1974 to provide services, programs, education and assistance to older adults, adults with disabilities, families and caregivers. ESMV's mission is to help people make informed decisions and access the services and programs they need to meet both present and future needs. ESMV is the federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA), a state designated Aging Service Access Point (ASAP) and an Elder Protective Service agency. Elder Services also operates the nationally-recognized Healthy Living Center of Excellence. The Northeast Independent Living Program is a partner in the Merrimack Valley Aging & Disability Resource Consortium (ADRC), that promotes a *no wrong door* approach to accessing services and support.

AAAs are responsible for various functions related to services and programs for elders: advocacy, planning, coordination of services, information, outreach and program development. The programs and services managed by ESMV support both individual and community needs. Each department in the agency manages activities that offer education, services, support and assistance to the public.

Service areas for Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc.

Amesbury Haverhill Peabody Andover Rowley Lawrence Billerica Salem Lowell Boxford Marblehead Salisbury Chelmsford Tewksbury Merrimac Methuen Tyngsborough Danvers Westford Middleton Dracut Newbury West Newbury Dunstable

Georgetown Newburyport Groveland North Andover

For particular programs and services we offer, our service area extends to other parts of Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. For more information call 1-800-892-0890.

Northeast Independent Living Program, Inc.

The Northeast Independent Living Program, Inc. (NILP) is a consumer controlled Independent Living Center providing advocacy and services to people with all disabilities in the Merrimack Valley area who wish to live independently in the community. Northeast Independent Living Program partners with Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley in the Merrimack Valley Aging & Disability Resource Consortium (ADRC) to promote a no wrong door approach to accessing services and supports. NILP's programs and services that help people with all disabilities include:

- Transition to Adulthood
- Independent Living/Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- The Northeast Recovery Learning Community
- Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Program
- Community Supports

- Long Term Options Counseling
- Long Term Services and Supports
- Moving Forward Program
- Nursing Home Transition Services
- Youth Services

The Training & Learning Collaborative provides disability education, training and technical assistance that may be customized in response to your workplace needs.

American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Community Access Consulting Services works with municipalities and organizations to identify accessibility needs and develop transition plans to bring them into ADA compliance.

Services areas for Northeast Independent Living Program, Inc.

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Amesbury	Dunstable	Lowell	Salisbury
Andover	Georgetown	Merrimac	Tewksbury
Billerica	Groton	Methuen	Tyngsborough
Boxborough	Groveland	Newbury	W. Newbury
Boxford	Haverhill	Newburyport	Westford
Chelmsford	Lawrence	N. Andover	Wilmington
Dracut	Littleton	Pepperell	

Some programs and services are offered in additional cities and towns than listed above. For more information, please call 978-687-4288.

NOTE: The book is organized alphabetically by topic in the **Table of Contents** and listed by organization in the **Index** which begins on page 119. We also offer a – real time – searchable pdf version of **The Green Book** that is available online at www.esmv.org and www.nilp.org.

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ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 19A requires all mandated professionals to report suspected cases of **elder abuse**, **neglect**, **exploitation and self-neglect** to Protective Services. Family, friends and other community members are encouraged to report suspected cases of abuse. "Abuse" includes physical, emotional, sexual or financial exploitation. It may also involve issues of neglect by a caretaker or self-neglect.

Protective Services

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. - Protective Services

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley is the local designated protective services agency that provides specialized care management for "at risk" elders, age 60 years and older. The Crisis Intervention Unit provides elder abuse and neglect intervention and assistance. It also offers specialized services including: homeless outreach, money management services, rep payee services and suicide prevention services.

Elder Abuse Hotline

For more information, assistance, or to report suspected abuse or neglect, call the statewide Elder Abuse Hotline: 800-922-2275 or mandatory reporters may file a report online at www.mass.gov/report-elder-abuse.

<u>Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC)</u>

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 19C established the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC) to investigate suspected abuse of adults with disabilities, 18-59 years. Any person who has reasonable cause to believe an individual is being abused should report this to the appropriate agency. For more information contact the DPPC 24-hour Hotline at 800-426-9009, or call 617-727-6465, 888-822-0350 TTY.

Department of Developmental Services 617-727-5608 Department of Mental Health 800-221-0053

Community Teamwork, Inc. New Horizons

14 Kirk Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-0551

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. Long Term Care Ombudsman See Page 79

Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center

2 Harris Street Newburyport, MA 01950 (mailing address only) 978-465-0999 Hotline – 978-388-1888 (mailing address only)

Long-Term Care Facility Abuse or Neglect Dept. of Public Health

Division of Health Care Quality 99 Chauncy Street Boston, MA 02111 800-462-5540 617-753-8150

New Hampshire Reporting Abuse or Neglect Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS)

Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 4:30 pm 603-271-7014 800-949-0470 (within NH only)

ADA – AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT – RESOURCES

The Americans with Disabilities Act is a federal civil rights law designed to prevent discrimination and enable individuals with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of society.

Massachusetts Architectural Access Board

One Ashburton Place, Rm 1310 Boston, MA 02108 617-727-0660 www.mass.gov/orgs/architectur al-access-board Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD)

One Ashburton Place, Rm 1305 Boston, MA 02108 617-727-7440

Toll free: 800-322-2020 www.mass.gov/mod

New England ADA Center

200 Portland Street Boston, MA 02114 800-949-4232 V/TTY 617-695-0085 www.newenglandada.org

Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP)

20 Ballard Road Lawrence, MA 01843 978-687-4288 V/TTY 978-237-5699 VP www.nilp.org

ADULT DAY PROGRAM (HEALTH & SOCIAL)

Adult day programs offer supervised settings for elders and adults with disabilities experiencing health and/or cognitive problems. There are two types of programs: adult day health and social day. Some are exclusively for those with Alzheimer's disease or related memory impairment.

Adult Day Health - Medical Model

Adult Day Health provides medical supervision, treatment, meals and activities. MassHealth (Medicaid) reimbursement may be available or individuals may pay privately. Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley can assess the need and may authorize service based on eligibility.

Active Day of Lowell

345 Chelmsford Street Lowell, MA 01851 978-596-1111 (Spanish and Khmer Speaking)

Active Life Adult Day Health Center

17 Darrin Road Dracut, MA 01826 978-322-0092 activelifeadc.com (Gujarati and Hindi Speaking)

All Care Adult Day Health Program at North Village

20 Sheila Avenue N. Chelmsford, MA 01863 978-251-0367 allcare.org/adult-all-day-health

Blaire House of Tewksbury Adult Day Health Center

10 Erlin Terrace Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-851-3121

Buttonwoods Place Adult Day Health Center

75 High Street Haverhill, MA 01832 978-373-1584 buttonwoodsplace.com

Castle Hill Adult Day Health

225 Stedman Street, #31 Lowell, MA 01851 978-323-7811 castlehilladhc.com

Cooperative Elder Services

9 Meriam Street, Suite 28 Lexington, MA 02420 781-270-5751 www.agingcare.com

Element Care PACE Lowell

236 Broadway Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-513-7300 877-803-5564

Harborside Adult Day Health Center

141 Bridge Road Salisbury, MA 01952 978-465-1980 <u>harborsideadhc.com</u>

Home Away From Home Adult Day Health Center

150 Industrial Avenue, East Lowell, MA 01852 978-453-4663 homeawayfromhomeadhc.org

La Casita Adult Day Health

193 Maple Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-620-1493 (Spanish Speaking)

Mary Immaculate Adult Day Health

189 Maple Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-620-1495 (Spanish Speaking)

Mary Immaculate: La Casa de Maria Inmaculada Adult Day Health Center

200 Essex Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-685-2727 mihcs.org (Spanish Speaking)

Mi Casa Adult Day Health

333 Broadway Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-631-7739

Oasis Adult Day Health

120 Broadway Lawrence, MA 01840 978-989-9897 (Spanish Speaking)

Sarah's Place Adult Day Health

180 Water Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-2175 sarahsplace.org

Spectrum Adult Day Health

1820 Turnpike Street, Suite 106 North Andover, MA 01845 978-688-3248 spectrumdayprogram.org

Summit Elder Care PACE Lowell

1081 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854 978-427-6810

The Community Family, Inc.

236 Broadway Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-458-4844 communityfamily.org

Social Day

Social Day provides individualized programs of social activity for adults requiring daytime supervision. Hot meals and snacks are provided. Trained staff is available to assist with walking, grooming and eating. Private pay accepted.

Chelmsford Senior Center Chelmsford Adult Social Day Program

75 Groton Road N. Chelmsford, MA 01863 978-788-6178

Amesbury Council on Aging Greenleaf Supportive Day Program

68 Elm Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-8138

Andover Council on Aging Senior Connections

30 Whittier Court Andover, MA 01810 (Mail to: 36 Bartlet Street) 978-623-8321

ADVOCACY

Advocacy is a process of supporting those issues that represent elders and people with disabilities. Activities may include public education and policies of interest. The listing included here covers a wide spectrum of issues related to health, aging, legal protection and disabilities.

AARP Massachusetts

One Beacon Street, Suite 2301 Boston, MA 02108 866-448-3621 www.aarp.org/states/ma

Attorney General's Office Elder Hotline

One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108 888-243-5337 www.mass.gov/ag

Better Business Bureau of Eastern MA, ME, RI & VT

290 Donald Lynch Boulevard Marlborough, MA 01752 508-652-4800 www.bbb.org/boston

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. Age Information Department 800-892-0890 800-924-4222 TTY

www.esmv.org

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center

UMass Medical School 55 Lake Avenue North, S3-301 Worcester, MA 01655 800-642-0249 800-764-0200 TTY www.disabilityinfo.org

Executive Office of Elder Affairs

One Ashburton Place, 517 Boston, MA 02108 800-882-2003 (MA only) 617-727-7750 800-872-0166 TTY

Health Care for All

One Federal Street Boston, MA 02110 800-272-4232 617-350-7279 www.hcfama.org

Mass Home Care

26 Crosby Drive Bedford, MA 01730 978-502-3794 www.masshomecare.org

Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC)

100 Hancock Street 2nd Floor, Suite 201 Quincy, MA 02171 617-770-7676 617-770-9499 TTY www.mass.gov/mddc

Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA)

One Ashburton Place, Suite 1101 Boston, MA 02108 617-586-1340 www.mass.gov/mova

Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD)

One Ashburton Place, #1305 Boston, MA 02108 800-322-2020 V/TTY www.mass.gov/mod

New England Pension Assistance Project

Gerontology Institute, UMASS Boston 100 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, MA 02125 617-287-7307 umb.edu/pensionaction

Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP)

20 Ballard Road Lawrence, MA 01843 800-845-6457 V/TTY 978-687-4288 V/TTY www.nilp.org

AIDS/HIV

For a list of agencies that provide AIDS/HIV testing, treatment or counseling, call the Northeast Independent Living Program, 978-687-4288 (V/TTY); 800-845-6457 (V/TTY) or Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890, 978-683-7747 or 800-924-4222 (TDD/TTY).

CARIÑO HIV Services

This program offers comprehensive HIV services including counseling, testing, treatment, social support and advocacy for those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Lowell Community Health Center

161 Jackson Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-937-9700

ALS (LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE) - RESOURCES

ALS Association Mass. Chapter

685 Canton Street, Suite 103 Norwood, MA 02062 781-255-8884 800-CURE-ALS www.als-ma.org

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES

Body & Brain Riverwalk

290 Merrimack Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-688-5200

Body & Mind Therapeutic Massage

116 Chelmsford Street #4 Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-710-5915

Metta Health Center

135 Jackson Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-937-9700

New England Community Acupuncture

733 Turnpike Street (Rte 114) North Andover, MA 01845 978-258-0427

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE – RESOURCES

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. Age Information Department 800-892-0890 800-924-4222 TTY www.esmv.org

Alzheimer's Association Mass Chapter (Main Office) 309 Waverly Oaks Road Waltham, MA 02452 617-868-6718 www.alz.org/manh Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Education & Referral Center (ADEAR) National Institute on Aging PO Box 8250 Silver Spring, MD 20907 800-438-4380 www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers

Alzheimer's Store 800-752-3238 www.alzstore.com

ARTHRITIS - RESOURCES

Arthritis Foundation – Massachusetts Chapter 29 Crafts Street, Suite 450 Newton, MA 02458 800-766-9449 617-244-1800 www.arthritis.org/massachusetts

ASSISTED LIVING

This housing option offers personalized supportive services and health care designed to respond to the individual needs of those who need help with activities of daily living but do not require skilled medical care. Some facilities include additional specialized services such as respite, subsidized rent programs or assisted living for those with memory impairment.

Support Resource

Assisted Living Facilities Association - Massachusetts

465 Waverly Oak Road Suite 300 Waltham MA, 02452 781-622-5999

Assisted Living Locators

11 River Street Amesbury, MA 01913 508-878-8878 assistedlivinglocatorsmanh.com

Assisted Living Ombudsman Program

Executive Office of Elder Affairs One Ashburton Place, 5th Fl. Boston, MA 02108 617-222-7492

Assisted Living Facilities

Ashland Farm at North Andover

700 Chickering Road North Andover, MA 01845 978-683-1300 benchmarkseniorliving.com

Assisted Living Center, Inc.

19 Beach Road Salisbury, MA 01952 978-463-9809 assistedlivingcenter.org

Atria Marland Place

15 Stevens Street Andover, MA 01810 978-357-8628 atriaseniorliving.com

Atria Merrimack Place

85 Storey Avenue Newburyport, MA 01950 978-378-3276 <u>atriaseniorliving.org</u>

Avita of Newburyport

4 Wallace Bashaw Junior Way Newburyport, MA 01950 978-225-7000 northbridgecos.com

Bayberry at Emerald Court

2000 Emerald Court Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-640-0194 northbridgecos.com

Bethany Community at Merrivista

100 Water Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-2168 978-569-1016

Bethany Community Services, Inc

10 Phoenix Row Haverhill, MA 01832 978-374-2168

Billerica Crossings

20 Charnstaffe Lane Billerica, MA 01821 978-667-0898 benchmarkseniotliving.com

Blaire House of Tewksbury Assisted Living

10 Erlin Terrace Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-851-3121 elderservices.com

Bridges by Epoch

bridgesbyepoch.com

Andover 254 Lowell Street Andover, MA 01810 978-775-1070

<u>Westford</u>

108 Littleton Road Westford, MA 01886 978-692-9541

Brightview Concord River

199 Concord Road Billerica, MA 01821 978-262-1410 brightviewseniorliving.com

Brightview North Andover

1275 Turnpike Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-686-2582 brightviewseniorliving.com

Brookdale North Chelmsford

4 Technology Drive N. Chelmsford, MA 01863 978-458-0099 877-311-3236 seniorsforliving.com

Chelmsford Crossings

199 Chelmsford Street Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-250-8855 benchmarkseniorliving.com

Elizabeth Calsey House

15 Elizabeth Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-0293 elizabethcalseyhouse.com

Elizabeth Calsey House at Lion's Mouth Road

286 Lion's Mouth Road Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-3752 elizabethcalseyhouse.com

Grace Morgan House Assisted Living

489 Prospect Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-682-4324 gracemorganhouse.com

Greystone Farm at Salem

242 Main Street Salem, NH 03079 603-898-5393 benchmarkseniorliving.com

Haverhill Crossings

254 Amesbury Road Haverhill, MA 01830 978-556-1600 benchmarkseniorliving.com

Marguerite's House Assisted Living

189 Maple Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-682-7575 mihcs.org

Methuen Village at Riverwalk Park

4 Gleason Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-685-2220 seniorlivingresidences.com

Peregrine's Landing

2580 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-657-0800 seniorsforliving.com

Stone Hill at Andover

141 Elm Street Andover, MA 01810 978-664-2600 northbridgecos.com/assistedliving-memory-care-andover

The Arbors at Dracut

21 Broadway Road Dracut, MA 01826 978-455-9182 arborsassistedliving.com

The Atrium at Drum Hill

2 Technology Drive N. Chelmsford, MA 01863 978-674-5295 benchmarkseniorliving.com

The Saab Residence

1085 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854 978-569-1016 www.dyouville.org/the-saabresidence

The Woodlands Inn at Edgewood

575 Osgood Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-725-4126 www.EdgewoodRC.com

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Assistive Technology includes devices or methods to compensate for the functional limitations of individuals and to increase their mobility, communication and overall independence. The following agencies offer individualized assessment and customized equipment, devices and training.

CAST, Inc. Center for Applied Special Technology 40 Harvard Mills Square Suite 3 Wakefield, MA 01880 781-245-2212 781-245-9320 TTY

CLASS, Inc.

www.cast.org

One Parker Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-975-8587 www.classinc.org

Easter Seals Massachusetts

484 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 508-757-2756 800-244-2756 www.eastersealsma.org

MassMATCH

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission 600 Washington Street, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02111 877-508-3974 617-204-3851 617-204-3815 TTY www.massmatch.org

BENEFITS COUNSELING/RETURN TO WORK

The following agencies will provide benefits planning, assistance and outreach to persons with disabilities who are interested in returning to work.

BenePLAN

UMass Medical School 333 South Street Shrewsbury, MA 01545 800-842-9375 508-856-6222 beneplan.org Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Statewide Employment Services Department 600 Washington Street Boston, MA 02111 800-245-6543 617-204-3600

BFCC-QIO (BENEFICIARY AND FAMILY CENTERED CARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION)

Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) review medical records to determine whether services delivered to people on Medicare, also known as beneficiaries, meet specific standards of care, are medically necessary, and are delivered in the most appropriate setting. Additionally, QIOs review written complaints from beneficiaries about the quality of Medicare services they have received in an effort to encourage improvement in their health or level of satisfaction.

KEPRO BFCC-QIO Program

5201 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 900 Tampa, FL 33609 844-455-8708, TTY: 855-843-4776

www.keproqio.com

BLINDNESS/VISUAL IMPAIRMENT - RESOURCES

Bay State Council of the Blind

57 Grandview Avenue Watertown, MA 02472 773-572-6312 www.acb.org/affiliate-bay-state

Deaf-Blind Contact Center, Inc.

215 Brighton Avenue, #1 Allston, MA 02134 617-254-4925 TTY/VCO/VP

EyeCare America

The Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Seniors Eye Care 877-887-6327 www.eyecareamerica.org www.aao.org/eyecareamerica

Lowell Association for the Blind

169 Merrimack Street, 2nd floor Lowell, MA 01852 978-454-5704 www.lowellassociationfortheblind.org

Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

200 Ivy Street Brookline, MA 02446 888-613-2777 www.mabvi.org

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB)

600 Washington Street Boston, MA 02111 617-727-5550 800-392-6450 800-392-6556 TTY www.mass.gov/mcb

National Braille Press

88 St. Stephen Street Boston, MA 02115 888-965-8965 www.nbp.org

Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library

Mail: 175 North Beacon Street Watertown, MA 02472 617-972-7240 800-852-3133 617-972-7690 TTY www.perkinslibrary.org

Perkins Products Store and Demo Center

175 North Beacon Street Watertown, MA 02472 617-972-7308 855-206-8353 www.perkins.org

Talking Information Center

130 Enterprise Drive Marshfield, MA 02050 781-834-4400 800-696-9505 www.ticnetwork.org

The Carroll Center for the Blind

770 Centre Street Newton, MA 02458 617-969-6200 800-852-3131 www.carroll.org

BRAIN INJURY - RESOURCES

Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts

30 Lyman Street, Suite 10 Westborough, MA 01581 508-475-0032 800-242-0030 www.biama.org

Brain Injury and Statewide Specialized Community Services (BISSCS)

600 Washington Street Boston, MA 02111 800-223-2559 617-204-3817 TTY www.mass.gov/mrc/ship

CLASS, Inc.

One Parker Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-975-8587 www.CLASSinc.org

Epilepsy Foundation of New England

335 Main Street, Unit 8 Wilmington, MA 01887 888-576-9996 617-506-6041 www.epilepsynewengland.org

CANCER - RESOURCES

Cancer Treatment Centers give patients access to oncologists, radiologists, surgeons, pathologists, nurses, therapists, dieticians, social workers and professional support staff for the medical and radiation treatment of cancer patients. Centers include access to medical oncology and hematology services, radiation oncology, lung cancer clinics, surgical gynecological oncology and breast care. They may host cancer support groups. Local hospitals may also collaborate with larger institutions.

American Cancer Society 800-227-2345

www.cancer.org

Anna Jaques Hospital

(Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center) 25 Highland Ave Newburyport, MA 01950 978-463-1000 www.ajh.org

Holy Family Hospital

(UMass Memorial Health Care) 70 East Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-687-0156, ext. 2089 www.holyfamilyhospital.org

Lowell General Hospital

(Mass General Hospital Cancer Center) 295 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854 978-937-6800 www.lowellgeneral.org

CEREBRAL PALSY - RESOURCES

CLASS, Inc.

One Parker Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-975-8587 www.classinc.org

March of Dimes

112 Turnpike Road, Suite 300 Westborough, MA 01581 508-366-9066 www.marchofdimes.org

UCP of Metro Boston

71 Arsenal Street Watertown, MA 02472 866-475-2827 617-926-5480 www.ucpboston.org

CHORE SERVICES

Chore services are designed to help with heavier household tasks, such as washing floors, cleaning ovens, washing windows and defrosting refrigerators.

ABC Home Healthcare

233 Albion Street Wakefield, MA 01880 781- 245-1880 <u>abchhp.com</u>

All at Home Healthcare

20 Linden Street Allston, MA 02134 617-782-9900 www.allathomehealth.com

Associated Home Care

1011 Osgood Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-682-0745

Greater Boston Patient Care

2001 Beacon Street, Suite 200 Brighton, MA 02135 617-938-3630

Guardian HealthCare

25 Marston Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-975-2000 www.guardianhealthcare.com

Medical Resources

320 Nevada Street, Suite 201 Newton, MA 02460 617-969-7517 mrhhc.com

Multicultural Home Care

354 Merrimack Street, Suite 207 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-689-8666 multiculturalhomecare.com

Pest-End, Inc.

15 Pelham Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-794-4321 www.pestendinc.com

Sparkle Cleaning Lazarus House Ministries

412 Hampshire Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-682-1222 978-689-8575 <u>lazarushouse.org</u>

Supportive Care, Inc.

15 Union Street, Suite 410 Lawrence, MA 01841 978-686-1300 www.supportivecaredv.org

CLOTHING

The following organizations offer new and/or used clothing at reduced or no cost. Some Councils on Aging have Thrift Shops onsite and some church groups distribute donated clothing.

All Saints Parish Thrift Shop

120 Bellevue Avenue Haverhill, MA 01832 978-891-2934

Community Action Inc.

16 Ashland Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-241-9621

Goodwill

23 S Broadway Salem, NH 03079 603-898-3800 goodwillnne.org

Groveland Congregational Church Thrift Shop

4 King Street Groveland, MA 01834 978-372-6617 grovelanducc.com

Lazarus House

Good Shepherd Thrift Store 412 Hampshire Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-686-0441

Saint Martin Thrift Store

121 Essex Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-687-1184

Saint Frances & Saint Clare

Thrift Store
229 South Union Street
Lawrence, MA 01843
978-557-5449
lazarushouse.org

North Andover Thrift Shop

172 Sutton Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-689-9520

Ruth's House, Inc.

111 Lafayette Square Haverhill, MA 01832 978-521-5575 ruthshouse.org

Salvation Army Thrift Store

Haverhill

132 Merrimack Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-7355 800-728-7825

Salem, NH 78 Cluff Road Salem, NH 03079 603-898-8571 800-728-7825

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS (CS)

Northeast Independent Living Program's Community Supports (CS) services help people with disabilities navigate the process of obtaining benefits and services on their path to living independently in the

community. By providing Information & Referral, Peer Counseling, Skills Training, and Advocacy, individuals are able to apply and search for affordable and accessible housing, apply for benefits such as MassHealth and Social Security or acquire assistive technology. For more information, call the Northeast Independent Living Program at 978-687-4288 (V/TTY) or visit the website, www.nilp.org.

COMPANION SERVICES

Companionship programs provide visits to homebound individuals who need socialization and offer respite to primary caregivers.

ABC Home Healthcare

233 Albion Street Wakefield, MA 01880 781- 245-1880 abchhp.com

All at Home Healthcare

20 Linden Street Allston, MA 02134 617-782-9900 www.allathomehealth.com

All Care Resources

200 Sutton Street North Andover, MA 01845 781-598-7066 800-948-0064 allcare.org

Alliance Home Health Care

6 Mary E. Clark Drive Hampstead, NH 03841 603-329-8288 alliance-homehealth.com

Associated Home Care

85 Constitution Lane Suite 300A Danvers, MA 01923 800-779-6302 (MA) www.amedisys.com/services/ personal-care/

Billerica Council on Aging

Respite Companion Care Program 25 Concord Road Billerica, MA 01821 978-671-0916

Best Home Care 'N More

11 Chestnut Street, Suite 6A Andover, MA 01810 978-806-2002 bestmakesithappen.com

Companion-Respite Care Program

Chelmsford Senior Center 75 Groton Road N. Chelmsford, MA 01863 978-788-6174 (Chelmsford and Westford residents)

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. Friends-in-Deed (For Elder Services' Consumers)

800-892-0890

www.esmv.org

Greater Boston Patient Care

2001 Beacon Street, Suite 200 Brighton, MA 02135 617-938-3860

Guardian HealthCare

25 Marston Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-975-2000

Home Care, Inc.

360 Merrimack Street Building 9, 4th Floor Lawrence, MA 01843 800-933-5593 www.homehealthfoundation.org

Home Instead Senior Care

231 Sutton Street, Suite 2H North Andover, MA 01845 978-725-5995 homeinstead.com

International Health Solutions

599 Canal Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-689-1907

Medical Resources

320 Nevada Street, Suite 201 Newton, MA 02460 617-969-7517 mrhhc.com

Multicultural Home Care

354 Merrimack Street, Suite 207 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-689-8666 multiculturalhomecare.com

Right at Home

Bedford and Groton 60 Great Road Bedford, MA 01730 781-275-1400 978-448-6988 (Groton Office)

Haverhill

350 Main Street Haverhill, MA 01830 877-500-2273 rightathome.net

Supportive Care, Inc.

15 Union Street, Suite 410 Lawrence, MA 01841 978-686-1300 www.supportivecaredv.org

Visiting Angels

182 State Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-462-6162 visitingangels.com

CONSUMER DIRECTED PROGRAM

This program allows elders who are eligible for the state Home Care Program the option of personal choice in recruiting, hiring, scheduling or discharging their own care providers. The amount of service is determined by the needs of the elder within the guidelines of the Home Care Program. The Care Manager conducts an assessment of need and a service plan is developed with the consumer. In cases where the consumer is unable to perform the function of Employee of Record, a surrogate can assume the responsibility for the consumer. The surrogate cannot serve as the paid home care worker. For information contact Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Consumer protection agencies provide information on a variety of consumer-related topics. They also may investigate and help resolve consumer complaints.

Attorney General's Office

One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108 617-727-2200 www.mass.gov/ago Better Business Bureau of Eastern MA, ME, RI & VT 290 Donald Lynch Boulevard Suite 102 Marlborough, MA 01752 508-652-4800 www.bbb.org/boston

Community Teamwork, Inc.

45 Kirk Street, 2nd Floor Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-6161 www.comteam.org

Community Action, Inc.

Consumer Protection Program 3 Washington Square Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-1971 www.communityactioninc.org

Greater Lawrence Community Action Council

Consumer Protection Program 305 Essex Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-681-4990 www.glcac.org

Middlesex Community College Law Center

33 Kearney Square Lowell, MA 01852 978-656-3342 www.middlesex.mass.edu/lawce nter

Consumer Protection Program

COUNCILS ON AGING AND SENIOR CENTERS

Councils on Aging and Senior Centers provide support services to elder, families and caregivers in the community. Services may include congregate meals, health clinics, recreational and educational activities, volunteer opportunities and exercise programs.

Amesbury Council on Aging

68 Elm Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-8138

Billerica Council on Aging

25 Concord Road Billerica, MA 01821 978-671-0916

Boxford Council on Aging

4 Middleton Road Boxford, MA 01921 978-887-3591

Center at Punchard

30 Whittier Court (Mail to: 36 Bartlet Street) Andover, MA 01810 978-623-8320

Chelmsford Council on Aging

75 Groton Road N. Chelmsford, MA 01863 978-251-0533

Dracut Council on Aging

951 Mammoth Road Dracut, MA 01826 978-957-2611

Dunstable Council on Aging

511 Main Street Dunstable, MA 01827 978-649-4514 x 223

Georgetown Council on Aging

51 North Street Georgetown, MA 01833 978-352-5726

Groveland Council on Aging

183 Main Street Groveland, MA 01834 978-372-1101

Haverhill Council on Aging

Citizens Center 10 Welcome Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-2390

Lawrence Council on Aging

155 Haverhill Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-620-3540

Lowell Council on Aging Senior Center

276 Broadway Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-970-4131

Merrimac Council on Aging

100 East Main Street Merrimac, MA 01860 978-346-9549

Methuen Council on Aging

77 Lowell Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-794-3296

Newbury Council on Aging

63 Hanover Street Newbury, MA 01951 978-462-8114

Newburyport Council on Aging

331 High Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-462-0430

North Andover Council on Aging - Senior Center

120R Main Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-688-9560

Rowley Senior Center and Community Services

39 Central Street PO Box 523 Rowley, MA 01969 978-948-7637

Salisbury Council on Aging Hilton Senior Center

43 Lafayette Road Salisbury, MA 01952 978-462-2412

Tewksbury Council on Aging

175 Chandler Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-640-4480

Tyngsborough Council on Aging

169 Westford Road (Mail to: 25 Bryant Lane) Tyngsborough, MA 01879 978-649-9211

West Newbury Council on Aging - Senior Center

381 Main Street West Newbury, MA 01985 978-363-1104

Westford Council on Aging Cameron Senior Center

20 Pleasant Street (Mail to: PO Box 2223) Westford, MA 01886 978-692-5523

CROHN'S DISEASE - RESOURCES

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America

New England Chapter 72 River Park Street, Suite 202 Needham Heights, MA 02494 781-449-0324 800-314-3549 www.ccfa.org

CYSTIC FIBROSIS - RESOURCES

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - Massachusetts Chapter 220 North Main Street, Suite 104

Natick, MA 01760

508-655-6000 800-966-0444

www.cff.org/mass-ri/

DEAF/HARD OF HEARING - RESOURCES AND SERVICES

Association of Late-Deafened Adults, Inc. (ALDA Boston)

PO Box 600622 Newtonville, MA 02460 815-332-1515 V/TTY 866-402-2532 www.aldaboston.org www.alda.org

DEAF, Inc.

370 Merrimack Street Riverwalk Building 5, Suite 205 Lawrence, MA 01843 617-505-4823 VP/V 617-254-4041 TTY/V www.deafinconline.org

Deaf-Blind Contact Center, Inc.

215 Brighton Avenue Allston, MA 02134 617-254-4041 V/TTY 617-254-4925 TTY/VCO/VP www.deafinconline.org

Hear It Better

1 Colleen Circle Burlington, MA 01803 781-789-9203 781-270-6710 TTY www.hearitbetter.com

Hearing Loss Association of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue Suite 1200 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-657-2248 V/TTY www.hearingloss.org

Mass Relay

703 West Housatonic Street Suite 148 Pittsfield, MA 01201 711Universal Access 800-720-3479 800-439-2370 TTY 800-720-3480 TTY www.massrelay.com

Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (MCDHH)

600 Washington Street Boston, MA 02111 617-740-1600 617-326-7546 VP www.mass.gov/mcdhh

Massachusetts State Association of the Deaf (MSAD)

PO Box 52097 Boston, MA 02205 781-517-7595 978-536-9112 www.msad.org

New England Homes for the Deaf (NEHD)

154 Water Street Danvers, MA 01923 978-774-0445 978-739-4010 TTY nehd.org/contact.html

Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP)

20 Ballard Road Lawrence, MA 01843 978-687-4288 V/TTY 978-237-5699 VP www.nilp.org

Our Deaf Survivors Center, Inc.

PO Box 2276 Worcester, MA 01613-2276 855-812-1001 www.odscunity.org

Verizon - Center for Customers with Disabilities 900 Chelmsford Street, 4th Floor Lowell, MA 01852 800-974-6006 V/TTY

DENTAL CARE

MassHealth provides some dental services to beneficiaries. Dental schools may offer some services to the public at reduced cost, such as annual cleanings. These services are generally provided by dental students under the supervision of licensed professionals. Clinics:

Boston University School of Dental Medicine

Patient Care Center 100 E. Newton Street Boston, MA 02118 617-358-8300

Harvard Dental Center

Teaching Practice 188 Longwood Avenue Boston, MA 02115 617-432-1434 option #1

Lowell Community Health Center

161 Jackson Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-937-9700 www.lchealth.org/patients/connect-services/dental-care-services

MassHealth Dental Customer Service 800-841-2900 masshealth-dental.net

Middlesex Community College

Dental Hygiene Clinic 44 Middle Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-656-3250 781-280-3250 middlesex.mass.edu/dhclinic

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

Pre-Doctoral Clinics One Kneeland Street Boston, MA 02111 617-636-6828

DIABETES

Most local hospitals offer support groups and educational programs for those with diabetes. The following organizations can also be contacted for information on diabetes and available resources. Call your local public health department for safe needle disposal.

American Diabetes Association New England 260 Cochituate Road, #200 Framingham, MA 01701 800-342-2383 617-482-4580 www.diabetes.org Joslin Diabetes Center One Joslin Place Boston, MA 02215 617-309-2400 www.joslin.org

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. Healthy Living Center of Excellence - Diabetes Self-Management Program 280 Merrimack Street, Suite 400 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-946-1211 www.healthyliving4me.org

DIALYSIS SERVICES

DaVita Renal Center

Amesbury 201 Sutton Street North Andover, MA 01845 866-544-6741 ext. 6827

North Andover 201 Sutton Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-975-1119 800-424-6589

DCI Walden Pond

56B Winthrop Street Concord, MA 01742 978-369-1683 dciinc.org

FMC Newburyport Dialysis

260 Merrimac Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-465-7030

Fresenius Medical Care

<u>Lowell</u> 847 Rogers Street, Suite 101 Lowell, MA 01852 978-441-5100

Methuen 421 Merrimack Street Methuen, MA 01844 800-881-5101

Merrimack Valley 100 Milk Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-686-9900

DISASTER - PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

All communities in the state have developed their own individual comprehensive emergency management plan in conjunction with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Contact your city or town hall to find information about your local office or go to www.mass.gov/eopps/agencies to find a list of the Emergency Management Directors in each city or town.

American Red Cross of MA

101 Station Landing, Suite 510 Medford, MA 02155 781-410-3670 www.redcross.org

American Red Cross of Northeast Massachusetts

85 Lowell Street Peabody, MA 01960 978-922-2224 www.redcross.org

DisasterAssistance.gov

800-621-FEMA (3362) www.disasterassistance.gov

Disaster Distress Helpline

Disaster Crisis Counseling 800-985-5990 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Federal Emergency Management Agency US Department of Homeland Security

500 C Street SW Washington, DC 20024 202-646-2500 www.fema.gov

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

400 Worcester Road Framingham, MA 01702 508-820-2000 www.mass.gov/orgs/

DRIVING RESOURCES

Adaptive Driving

Driving Rehabilitation Specialists are certified professionals who are specially trained to work with older drivers and people with special needs. They are able to provide driving assessments, training and re-training.

Adaptive Driving Program, Inc.

250 Milton Street, #LL002 Dedham, MA 02026 781-329-6656 www.adaptivedrivingprogram.com

Driving Evaluation Program

Driving Resource Center - AARP

www.aarp.org/auto/

Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital

Driving Assessment Program
70 Butler Street
Salem, NH 03079
603-893-2900
www.northeastrehab.com/servi
ces/driving-assessment

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital

101 Main Street, Suite 101 Medford, MA 02155 781-391-7518 www.spauldingrehab.org

Registry of Motor Vehicles – Medical Affairs Branch

This branch of the Registry sets policies and procedures regarding the minimum physical qualifications to operate motor vehicles. It also issues disabled plates and placards. Check with your local DMV office. You can fill out the online form and present it with your physician's signature to apply for either a temporary or permanent handicap placecard.

Medical Affairs Bureau Registry of Motor Vehicles

13b Blackstone Street Boston, MA 02109 857-368-8020 www.massrmv.com

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Some local colleges offer reduced cost continuing education courses to older adults or special programs designed for those 50+ with nominal enrollment fees.

Explorers Lifelong Learning Institute of Salem State University

10 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 978-744-0804 www.explorerslli.org

Merrimack College Continuing Education

315 Turnpike Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-837-5000 www.merrimack.edu

Middlesex Community College - Bedford Campus Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education for Seniors (MILES Program)

591 Springs Road
Bedford, MA 01730
781-280-3570
www.middlesex.mass.edu/caree
rtraining/miles/aspx

No. Essex Community
College
College of Older Learners
(COOL)
Life Long Learning Center
100 Elliott Street
Haverhill, MA 01830
978-556-3110
www.necc.mass.edu/engage/co

University of Massachusetts Lowell Campus Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA) One University Avenue

mmunity-educational-programs/

Lowell, MA 01854 978-934-3135 www.uml.edu

EDUCATION AND TRAVEL

Road Scholar

Road Scholar is an educational travel organization for adults 50 years and older. It offers various learning experiences across the United States and worldwide. Older adults enroll in courses taught by college faculty and stay in comfortable accommodations throughout the course of the program. Road Scholar also offers day programs. For information, contact: 11 Avenue de Lafayette
Boston, MA 02111
800-454-5768
www.roadscholar.org

ELDER CARE MANAGEMENT

Elder Care Management is a combination of services and programs designed to meet the needs of older adults. Care Managers act as guides through a system of community-based services and are available to provide home visits.

Massachusetts Home Care Program provides follow-up care/case management and a wide range of services to elders who meet income and need guidelines. There is a sliding fee scale. For more information call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

Private Care Management

Private Care Management is available to families who want and need professional help without the "legwork" of managing care for an older relative. There is a fee for this service.

Aging Life Care Association

New England Chapter PO Box 67075 Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 781-591-3231 www.aginglifecarene.org

ELDER SERVICES OF THE MERRIMACK VALLEY AND NORTH SHORE, INC.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. is a non-profit agency providing older adults, adults with disabilities, families, veterans and caregivers with information, education and assistance to help navigate a complex health and social service support system. A professional staff of social workers, registered nurses and clinical specialists assist consumers with access to in-home services and community-based programs that support every individual's choice to live independently at home while supporting the demand to meet the diverse needs and changing lifestyles of all older adults.

Elder Services is the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the state designated Aging Service Access Point and an Elder Protective Service agency for the Merrimack Valley. We partner with the Northeast Independent Living Program to form the Merrimack Valley Aging and Disability Resource Consortium.

Age Information Department (Information and Referral)

Trained specialists provide free information and referral to callers about a wide range of local, state and national resources. Age Information serves as the central intake department for the agency and manages a Help Desk for home care consumers and their families.

Community Programs

- Aging & Disability Resource Consortium
- Community Outreach (Minority & Veteran)
- Elder Brown Bag Food Program
- Family Caregiver Support Program
- LGBT Senior Social Connection
- Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- MA Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program
- Nutrition Program (Home Delivered and Congregate Meals)
- Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (SHINE) Program

- Supportive Housing
- Volunteer Programs

Home Care Department

- Care Management
- Congregate Housing Program
- Information and Referral
- In-home Services
- Nursing Home Pre-Admission Screening
- Options Counseling Program
- Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Program
- Protective Services
- Senior Care Options

Healthcare Initiatives and Programs

The Healthy Living Center of Excellence - See page 52 for a listing of all programs.

For information on these programs, call our Age Information Department at 800-892-0890, TTY: 1-800-924-4222 or visit our website at www.esmv.org.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE - RESOURCES

Olive in July, Inc.

An organization providing backpacks with school supplies, toys during the holidays, and other supports to children with disabilities and their families. 49 Blanchard Street, Suite 208

Lawrence, MA 01843

978-208-8078

www.oliveinjulyinc.org

Project Home Again

Partners with local social service agencies to provide low-income families with new and gently used household goods, furniture and appliances.

439 S Union Street, Building 2 Lawrence, MA 01843 978) 270-9878 www.phama.org

Ruth's House, Inc.

A charitable thrift store in Haverhill, providing low cost options for clothing. Works with various organizations, including ESMV, to help with emergency response for family, children and elders.

111 Lafayette Square Haverhill, MA 01832 978-521-5575 www.ruthshouse.org

Solutions at Work

This agency provides homeless and low-income families with children's items and professional attire for adults looking for new jobs.

391 Evereteze Way

Cambridge, MA 02141 617-576-0039

solutionsatwork.org

The Pettengill House, Inc.

An organization supporting families and children living in Amesbury, Byfield, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury through case management and coordinating support to help with individual and family stabilization.

PO Box 5551

13 Lafayette Road

Salisbury, MA 01952

978-463-8801

www.pettengillhouse.org

The Wish Project

They offer many items ranging from furniture to clothing and support special projects like backpacks and Christmas gifts to those in need. 1A Foundry Industrial Park Lowell, MA 01852 978-441-9474 www.thewishproject.org

EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS

Personal emergency response systems provide 24-hour access to emergency help for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

AGB Lifesaver Medical Alarms

19 Marlboro Street Newburyport, MA 01950 877-718-7377 www.agbmedalarms.com

Alert Response Systems

7 Bond Street Reading, MA 01867 781-944-8778 (Office) 781-248-5502 (Cell)

New England Emergency Response Systems, Inc.

7 Church Street Dover, NH 03820 800-888-0338 www.neers.com

Be Safer at Home

800 West Cummings Park Suite 6900 Woburn, MA 01801 781-938-7377 866-513-7377 (outside MA) www.besaferathome.com

Lifeline

111 Lawrence Street Framingham, MA 01702 1-855-600-6127 www.lifeline.philips.com

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The following agencies help adults with disabilities locate training and employment. Some programs are limited to low-income people.

American Training

6 Campanelli Drive Andover, MA 01810 978-685-2151

www.americantraininginc.com

Career Center of Lowell

107 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-458-2503 www.cclowell.org

CLASS, Inc.

One Parker Street, Unit 1 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-975-8587 www.CLASSinc.org

Greater Newburyport Opportunity Works

10 Opportunity Way Newburyport, MA 01950 978-462-6144 978-462-7747 TTY www.opportunityworks.net

Greater Haverhill Opportunity Works

671 Kenoza Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-5281 www.opprotunityworks.net

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

www.mass.gov/mrc

Boston

600 Washington Street, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02111 617-204-3600

Lawrence

280 Merrimack Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-685-1731 V/TTY

Lowell

325 Chelmsford Street, Suite 2 Lowell, MA 01851 978-458-4544 978-685-1731 V/TTY

Valley Works

www.valleyworkscc.org

<u>Haverhill</u>

Northern Essex Community College 100 Elliot Street, Room 118 Haverhill, MA 01830 978-241-4730 978-469-7859 TTY

Lawrence

225 Essex St Lawrence, MA 01840 978-722-7000 978-722-7088 TTY

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

This program provides support related to the challenges of caring for loved ones with chronic illness, Alzheimer's or other dementias and recognizes the importance to taking care of those who are caring for relatives or friends. Trained facilitators provide education, support to help balance the 24/7 responsibility of caregiving and offer tools that help to reduce stress, help them relax and communicate effectively with others involved in the care. To participate, caregivers may be any age and caring for someone age 60 or older or diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, as well as caregivers who are age 55 or older and caring for a disabled adult age 18-59. There is no cost for services.

Grandparents as Caregivers

The program also assists grandparents and other adult family members age 55 and older caring for a child under the age of 18. (See page 50)

For more information, contact Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

FINANCIAL SERVICES/ASSISTANCE

Money management can become difficult for some older adults. Paying routine bills, balancing checkbooks and developing a budget can be overwhelming.

Budget Buddies

114 Turnpike Road #2D Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-703-0820 www.budgetbuddies.org

Money Management International

Regional Headquarters 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110 886-889-9347 713-394-3232 www.moneymanagement.org

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. Financial Resource Program

Basic Money Management Service (Bill Payer)

Volunteers are screened, trained, supervised and carefully matched with elders having difficulty writing checks, budgeting money or paying routine bills. The volunteer and consumer set up a visitation schedule to carry out the bill paying tasks. On a regular basis, an independent person reviews all records, which provides protection for both the elder and the volunteer.

Representative Payee Service

The Social Security Administration (SSA) believes adult beneficiaries can manage their money. For some elders, there is legal, medical or lay evidence to the contrary. Appointed by SSA, Elder Services can act as a Representative Payee for these individuals and pay for essentials for the remainder of their lives. Staff at Elder Services provide the Representative Payee service. A small percentage of their check, allowed by Social Security, is paid to Elder Services for this responsibility.

Financial Literacy

There are community workshops offered to educate older adults about the benefits of properly managing and protecting their financial resources to prevent being a victim of financial exploitation or the target of a financial scam. In an economic climate of rising costs and higher credit card debt, teaching older adults a few basic skills to successfully manage their financial resources, gives them a greater perspective to make sound financial decisions.

For more information contact Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department 800-892-0890.

FLU AND PNEUMONIA VACCINES

The flu and pneumonia can be serious illnesses for those at high-risk. For information on the location of clinics, call your doctor, Board of Health, Council on Aging, or Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

FOOD RESOURCES

There are different ways to support good nutrition – including home delivered meals for homebound elders and adults with disabilities; congregate meals at dining sites which provide socialization and community food programs to help supplement low-income individuals with extra food each month.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc.

<u>Congregate Meals</u> – Offered in senior centers, elder housing, and other convenient places where individuals aged 60 and over and younger adults with disabilities enjoy good food and good company in a socialized setting. Special Chinese home delivered meals are provided in Westford and Andover. A Latino meal is available at the Lawrence Congregate Dining Site.

Elder Food Security -

- <u>Elder Community Market Program (seasonal)</u> Helps increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables to elders living in Haverhill housings.
- Elder Brown Bag Program Low-income elders receive a bag of groceries, once per month, distributed at a local community site. There are sites in Lawrence, Haverhill and Tewksbury.

Home Delivered Meals – Also known as the **Meals on Wheels**Program supports the nutritional needs of elders age 60 and over who may not be able to cook for themselves or leave their home to participate in a congregate meal site to eat a noon day meal with others. A hot nutritious meal is delivered to an individual's home by a

volunteer driver assigned to an established route. There are special dietary meals available. And, on days with no delivery service due to inclement weather, storm packs and frozen meals are pre-delivered.

<u>Nutrition Counseling</u> – In-home nutrition counseling/education with a registered dietitian for a wide range of medical diagnoses. Medicare payments accepted for diagnosis of Renal Disease or Diabetes.

Any adult over the age of 60 may participate in any of the food resource programs. There is no cost for congregate meals, home delivered meals, or the Elder Food Security programs. For information about any of the food resources, call **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890**.

Food Pantries/Statewide Other Resources

Some Councils on Aging/Senior Centers have food items available for those in need. Please see pages 24-26 for their contact information.

Statewide Essex County Hunger Relief 978-777-8876 www.essexcountyhungerrelief.org

Project Bread Food Source Hotline 800-645-8333 www.projectbread.org

Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC) Northeast Region Office 617-565-6370 Merrimack Valley
Elder Services of the
Merrimack Valley and North
Shore, Inc.
Elder Brown Bag Program
800-892-0890

Amesbury & Merrimac Amesbury Food Pantry at Community Action, Inc. 44 Friend Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-2575

Our Neighbors' Table 194 Main Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-1907

Billerica

Veterans' Services Town Hall

365 Boston Road #201 Billerica, MA 01821 978-671-0968

Byfield/Newbury Community United Methodist Church

6 Central Street Byfield, MA 01922 978-465-5145

<u>Chelmsford</u>

Chelmsford Community

Exchange

50 Rear Billerica Road Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-250-3818

Dracut

Dracut Community Food Pantry

1934 Lakeview Avenue Dracut, MA 01826 978-957-8600

Haverhill

All Saints Food Pantry

120 Bellevue Avenue Haverhill, MA 01832 978-372-7721

Calvary Baptist Church Food Pantry

13 Ashland Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-6466

Liz Murphy Open Hand Pantry

16 Ashland Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-372-0260

Sacred Hearts Food Pantry

48 South Chestnut Street Bradford, MA 01835 978-371-1281

Somebody Cares New England Food Pantry

358 Washington Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-912-7626

The Salvation Army

395 Main Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-420-4192

Veterans Food Pantry

10 Reed Street Haverhill, MA 01832 978-372-3626 (Vets only)

Lawrence

Bread & Roses

58 Newbury Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-681-8768

Cor Unum Meal Center

191 Salem Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-688-8900

Food for the World, Inc.

516 Essex Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-683-9949

Lazarus House St. Martha's Food Pantry Distribution

242 Hampshire Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-332-5013

Neighbors in Need

60 Island Street, Suite 214 East Lawrence, MA 01840 978-685-8321

New England Veterans Liberty House

599 Canal Street, 6 East Suite 17 Lawrence, MA 01841 978-258-2331 (Veterans & Families Only)

The Salvation Army

250 Haverhill Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-682-8038

Lowell

Central Food Ministry

370 West 6th Street Lowell, MA 01850 978-454-7445

Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities

70 Lawrence Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-452-1421

Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc.

Mobile Pantry Program 735 Broadway Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-454-7272

The Open Pantry of Greater Lowell

13 Hurd Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-453-6693

The Salvation Army

150 Appleton Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-458-3396

<u>Newburyport</u>

Community Service of Newburyport, Inc.

31 Green Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-465-7562

The Salvation Army

40 Water Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-465-0883

North Andover People's Pantry North Parish Church

190 Academy Road North Andover, MA 01845 978-687-7948

Rowley

Rowley Food Pantry First Baptist Church 153 Main Street

Rowley, MA 01969 978-238-6264

Salisbury The Pettengill House, Inc.

13 Lafayette Road PO Box 5551 Salisbury, MA 01952 978-463-8801

Tewksbury Tewksbury Community Food Pantry

999 Whipple Road Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-858-2273

Food Stamps/Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits-also known as Food Stamps-are available to low-income persons, regardless of age. Eligibility is based on household size and income. You may be eligible for more food stamps if you have high medical or housing expenses. Contact or visit your local Department of Transitional Assistance or apply online at www.mass.gov/snap.

Department of Transitional Assistance

Greater Lawrence, Haverhill, Newburyport 280 Merrimack Street, Suite 202 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-725-7100 Greater Lowell 131 Davidson Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-446-2400

Meal Sites

The following meal sites are listed according to the town in which they are located. However, many of these programs will serve residents from other surrounding communities. Council on Aging/Senior Center Sites, see pages 24-26.

Amesbury

His Provision Too

All Saints Anglican Church 69 Friend Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-0009

Our Neighbors' Table

145 Main Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-1907

<u>Chelmsford</u>

Table of Plenty

18 Street Andrews Way N. Chelmsford, MA 01863 978-710-8328

Haverhill

Calvary Baptist Church

13 Ashland Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-4404

Drop-In Center Community Action Inc.

16 Ashland Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-521-4350

Haverhill Citizen Center Community Meal

10 Welcome Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-2390

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

154-156 Winter Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-3311

Joyful Ladle Trinity Episcopal Church

26 White Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-372-4244

Open Hearts Ministries, Inc.

217 Main Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-7491 ext. 2004

The Salvation Army

395 Main Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-420-4192

Universalist Unitarian Church Of Haverhill

15 Kenoza Avenue Haverhill, MA 01830 978-372-5173

Lawrence

Bread & Roses

58 Newbury Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-681-8768

Cor Unum Meal Center

191 Salem Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-688-8900

Lazarus House Good Shepherd Center

412 Hampshire Street Lawrence, MA 01842 978-689-8575

Lowell

Life Connection Center

192 Appleton Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-997-0588 (Portugese Speaking)

St. Paul's Kitchen

Eliot Presbyterian Church 273 Summer Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-758-9186

The Salvation Army Sage Senior Center

150 Appleton Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-458-3396

Newburyport

Among Friends
St. Paul's Church

166 High Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-465-5351

Immaculate Conception Parish

42 Green Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-462-2724

The Salvation Army

40 Water Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-465-0883

St. Basil's Ministries of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

7 Harris Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-465-5757

FUEL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Fuel assistance provides income eligible homeowners and renters with help in paying part of their winter heating bills and is offered annually, November through March. Local utility companies sometimes offer a variety of budget and payment plans to help customers maintain their service. If you are having difficulty paying your bill, contact the utility company and ask to speak with someone about negotiating a workable payment plan.

Citizens Energy Corporation Oil Heat Program

88 Black Falcon Avenue Boston, MA 02210 877-563-4645 617-338-6300 www.citizensenergy.com

Citizens Energy Distrigas Heat Assistance Program

866-427-9918

Columbia Gas of MA

800-688-6160 www.columbiagasma.com

Community Action, Inc. Fuel Assistance Program

3 Washington Square Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-1971 www.communityactioninc.org

Community Teamwork, Inc. Fuel Assistance Program

45 Kirk Street, 2nd Floor Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-6161 www.comteam.org Greater Lawrence Community Action Council Fuel Assistance Program

305 Essex Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-681-4950 www.glcac.org

National Grid (Electric)

800-322-3223

nationalgridus.com/masselectric

National Grid (Gas)

800-233-5325

www.nationalgridus.com

The Salvation Army Good Neighbor Energy Fund

Haverhill
395 Main Street
Haverhill, MA 01830
978-420-4192
salvationarmyma.org/Haverhill

Lawrence

250 Haverhill Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-682-8038 salvationarmyma.org/lawrence <u>Lowell</u>

150 Appleton Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-458-3396 salvationarmyma.org/lowell Newburyport
40 Water Street
Newburyport, MA 01950
978-465-0883
salvationarmyma.org/newburyport

GAMBLING

Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling 991 Providence Highway, Suite 200 Norwood, MA 02110 800-426-4554 www.masscompulsivegambling.org

GRANDPARENTING PROGRAMS

Grandparents and other older adults care for many children in the U.S. This trend has created unanticipated issues and consequences for grandparents who may face financial, legal, emotional, or bureaucratic issues. For support group listings, call:

Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. Family Caregiver Support Program 280 Merrimack Street, Suite 400 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-683-7747

Elder Services of the

Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities: Grandparents as Parents (GAP) 70 Lawrence Street Lowell, MA 01852

978-452-1421 www.grandparentsasparents.org The Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 600 Washington Street, 6th Boston, MA 02111 617-748-2454

HABILITATION THERAPY

Habilitation Therapy is a non-medical interpersonal approach to help those living with Alzheimer's and dementia by strengthening the individual's current abilities. It simplifies tasks to help the loved one engage safely in his/her own care and to be an active participant in their life. For more information, call **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.**

Sweet Grapes, Inc. 157 Wilson Avenue Quincy, MA 02170 617-328-3440 www.stilmee.com

HAIR CARE AT HOME

For a list of hairdressers who will make home visits, call **Elder Services** of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES

A **MOLST** (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) form is a medical document recognized in Massachusetts that enables an individual to identify specific procedures they do and do not want to be performed in a medical crisis. The form is signed by the doctor and patient and is effective as soon as it is signed, based on the patient's medical condition rather than his/her capacity to make decisions. To learn more or obtain a copy of the MOLST form, ask your physician or follow this link: www.molst-ma.org.

A **Health Care Proxy** is an advance directive; a simple legal document in which an individual appoints another person to make health care decisions for the individual, in the event he or she is unable to make or communicate specific wishes. To obtain a copy of this form, call an attorney or **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.**

HEALTH CENTERS – COMMUNITY

Community Health Centers are walk-in health care facilities delivering quality medical care and community-based programs. Primary health services for children and adults are available. Services vary. Most centers have bi-lingual capacity.

Greater Lawrence Family Health Center 34 Haverhill Street Lawrence, MA 01841

978-686-0090 www.glfhc.org Lowell Community Health Center 161 Jackson Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-937-9700 www.lchealth.org

HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION

For information on various health insurance programs and related resources, see:

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MA SMP Program – Page 79

MassHealth (Medicaid) - Page 79

Medicare - Page 82

Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs) - Page 83

Medicare Fraud and Abuse - Page 83

Medicare Savings Programs - Page 83

Medigap Plans - Page 84

Senior Care Options (SCO) - Page 104

SHINE Program – Page 107

HEALTHY LIVING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

The Healthy Living Center of Excellence provides evidence-based programs designed to enhance individual well-being and self-confidence. A variety of programs encompasses many aspects of healthy living to help you become a more active partner in your own health care. The programs available are:

- Better Choices, Better Health (Online Workshop)
- Cancer: Thriving and Surviving Program
- Chronic Pain Self-Management Program
- Cuidando con Respeto (Savvy Caregiver Program in Spanish)
- Diabetes Self-Management Program
- EnhanceWellness
- Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults Program
- Healthy IDEAS (Identifying Depression Empowering Activities for Seniors)
- Living La Vida Dulce (Diabetes Self- Management in Spanish)
- Matter of Balance
- My Life, My Health: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program
- Positive Self-Management Program (PSMP) For HIV
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers
- Savvy Caregiver Program
- Tai Chi for Healthy Aging
- Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance (TJQMBB)
- Tomando Control de su Salud (Chronic Disease Self-Management in Spanish)

For more information or to register for one of our workshops call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Healthy Living Center of Excellence at 978-946-1211 or visit our website at www.healthyliving4me.org.

HEART DISEASE - RESOURCES

American Heart Association

300 5th Avenue, Suite 6 Waltham, MA 02451 781-373-4500 800-242-8721 www.heart.org

HOME CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Home Care Assistance Program (HCAP) is part of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission's Community Services Program. This program provides homemaker services to eligible individuals with disabilities, 18-59 years of age, to help them maintain their independence in the community. For more information, call:

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

Home Care Assistance Program 800-223-2559 617-204-3853 www.mass.gov/homecare

HOME CARE PROGRAM – MASSACHUSETTS ELDERS

The Massachusetts Home Care Program provides services for elders to help them live independently in their homes. Eligibility is based on age (60 years or older), income, and ability to perform daily tasks such as bathing, dressing and meal preparation. The Home Care Program is administered by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in coordination with Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. and other ASAP's throughout the state. For details call **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890**.

HOME HEALTH CARE

Home Health Aides

Home Health Aides provide care under the supervision of a registered nurse or, if appropriate, a physical, occupational or speech therapist. Their services may include, but are not limited to, assisting with activities of daily living, helping with prescribed exercises, and providing medication reminders.

Homemaker and Skilled Services

Homemakers offer assistance with activities such as light housekeeping, shopping, meal preparation and laundry. Personal Care Homemakers assist with personal care activities, such as showering, sponge bathing, shampooing and dressing.

ABC Home Healthcare

233 Albion Street Wakefield, MA 01880 781-245-1880 www.abchhp.com

All at Home Healthcare

20 Linden Street Allston, MA 02134 617-782-9900 www.allathomehealth.com

All Care Resources

200 Sutton Street North Andover, MA 01845 800-448-0064 www.allcare.org

Alliance Home Health Care

6 Mary E. Clark Drive Hampstead, NH 03841 603-329-8288 www.alliancehhcare.com

Alternative Home Health Care

160 Merrimack Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-657-7444 www.alternativehomehealthcarel lc.com

Associated Home Care

290 Merrimack Street, Suite 240 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-937-0022 www.amedisys.com

Best Home Care 'N More

11 Chestnut Street, Suite 6A Andover, MA 01810 978-806-2002 bestmakesithappen.com

Bring Care Home

10 South Main Street, Suite 205 Topsfield, MA 01983 978-887-4171 www.amedisys.com

Commonwealth Nursing Services

847 Rogers Street #201 Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-7771

Greater Boston Patient Care

2001 Beacon Street, Suite 200 Brighton, MA 02135 617-938-3630

Griswold Home Care

300 Brickstone Square, Suite 201 Andover, MA 01810 978-412-4181 www.griswoldhomecare.com

Guardian Health Care

25 Marston Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-975-2000 myguardian.org

Home Care, Inc.

360 Merrimack Street Building 9 Lawrence, MA 01843 800-933-5593 www.homehealthfoundation.org

Home Instead Senior Care

231 Sutton Street, Suite 2H North Andover, MA 01845 978-725-5995 www.homeinstead.com

International Health Solutions

599 Canal Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-689-1907

Medical Resources

320 Nevada Street, Suite 201 Newton, MA 02460 617-969-7517 mrhhc.com

Multicultural Home Care

354 Merrimack Street, Suite 307 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-689-8666 www.multiculturalhomecare.com

Right at Home

Bedford, Groton 60 Great Road Bedford, MA 01730 781-275-1400 978-448-6988 (Groton Office)

Haverhill

350 Main Street Haverhill, MA 01830 877-500-2273 www.rightathome.net

Senior Helpers

66 Tadmuck Road, Suite 2 Westford, MA 01886 978-467-4300 www.seniorhelpers.com

Supportive Care, Inc.

15 Union Street, Suite 410 Lawrence, MA 01840 978-686-1300 www.supportivecaredv.org

Visiting Angels

182 State Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-462-6162 www.visitingangels.com

Skilled Services and Visiting Nurses Associations

Skilled Home Health Care includes a range of services offered in the home setting, such as nursing, rehabilitation therapies (physical, occupational, speech) and home health aide services.

All Care VNA

200 Sutton Street North Andover, MA 01845 800-287-2454 www.allcare.org

Alternative Home Health Care, LLC

12 Baldwin Street, #1 Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-657-7444 www.alternativehomehealthcarel lc.com

Amedisys Home Health Care

290 Merrimack Street, Suite 241 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-685-2818 www.amedisys.com

Caretenders

401 Andover Street, Suite 102 North Andover, MA 01845 978-686-0004

Circle Home, Inc.

847 Rogers Street, #201 Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-9343 circlehomehealth.org

Comfort Home Care

147 Pelham Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-685-4700

Excella Home Care

110 Haverhill Road, Suite 402 Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-4500

Holy Family Hospital

70 East Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-687-0151 www.holyfamilyhospital.org

Home Health VNA

360 Merrimack Street, Building 9 Lawrence, MA 01843 800-933-5593 www.homehealthfoundation.org

Medical Resources

320 Nevada Street, Suite 201 Newton, MA 02460 617-969-7517

Namaste Home Care

1 Canal Street, Suite 101A Lawrence, MA 01841 978-258-0343 www.namastehomecarellc.com

Nashoba Nursing Services

3 Patterson Road, Suite 3 Shirley, MA 01464 800-698-3307 www.nashoba.org

Northeast Rehab Home Care

70 Butler Street
Salem, NH 03079
603-893-2900
www.northeastrehab.com

VNA Care Network & Hospice

199 Rosewood Drive, Suite 180 Danvers, MA 01923 800-728-1862

VNA of Middlesex-East Home Health and Hospice

800 W. Cummings Park Suite 5000 Woburn, MA 01801 800-607-4299

Whittier Home Health Care Agency

145 Ward Hill Avenue Bradford, MA 01835 978-374-6300 www.whittierhealth.com

HOME MODIFICATIONS/REPAIRS

Home modifications are major or minor changes to an individual's home environment to make it safer and easier to perform everyday activities such as cooking, bathing and climbing stairs. Modifications can be as simple as installing grab bars or more complex, such as widening doorways or installing ramps.

Contact your local town hall to see if there is a program offered to help with home modifications or structural home repairs.

Ramps and Lifts

For resources on ramps and lifts, contact the Northeast Independent Living Program, 978-687-4288 V/TTY or Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890. The following programs can be helpful for any home modifications or repairs:

Charm Medical

33 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Pembroke, MA 02359 877-942-4276 www.charmmedical.com

Community Teamwork, Inc. Mass Rehab Commission

Home Modification Loan Program 17 Kirk Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-654-5741 www.commteam.org

Greater Lawrence Community Action Council

Project Senior 305 Essex Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-681-4900 www.glcac.org

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell Home Repair

124 Main Street Westford, MA 01886 978-692-0927 www.Lowellhabitat.org

Natale Company & SafetyCare

5 West Dexter Avenue Woburn, MA 01801 781-933-7205 www.safety-care.com

Rebuilding Together Greater Haverhill, Inc.

10 Phoenix Row Haverhill, MA 01832 978-469-0800 www.rebuildingtogetherhav erhill.org

HOMEOWNER - COUNSELING RESOURCES

Education

Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA)

18 Tremont Street, Suite 401 Boston, MA 02108 617-742-0820 www.chapa.org

Community Teamwork, Inc. Housing Consumer Education Center

17 Kirk Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-0551 www.comteam.org

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) New England Regional Office

Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02222 617-994-8200 www.hud.gov

MassHousing

One Beacon Street, #27 Boston, MA 02108 617-854-1000 800-882-1154 www.masshousing.com

Reverse Mortgage Counseling

Executive Office of Elder Affairs

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs provides an approved list of reverse mortgage counseling programs. Please check website for list of organizations across Massachusetts - www.mass.gov/elders

Homeowner Options for Massachusetts Elders (H.O.M.E)

87 Hale Street Lowell, MA01851 978-970-0015 800-583-5337 www.elderhomeowners.org

National Council on Aging

Reverse Mortgage Counseling 855-899-3778 www.ncoa.org

HOSPICE

Hospice is a caregiving and support program. It provides medical, psychological, pastoral and social services to terminally ill patients and their families. While most hospice care is provided at home, it can also be provided in hospice residences, hospitals, assisted living facilities and nursing homes. Medicare and private payments are accepted. Hospice programs also offer bereavement counseling to family members.

Beacon Hospice, Inc.

290 Merrimack Street, Suite 242 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-837-3333

Brookhaven

94 Peters Street North Andover, MA 01845 855-820-4801

Care Dimensions

75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102 Danvers, MA 01923 888-283-1722

Circle Home, Inc.

847 Rogers Street, #201 Lowell, MA 01852 800-349-8585 978-459-9343

High Pointe House (formerly

MV Hospice House) 360 North Avenue Haverhill, MA 01830 978-377-9100

Hospice & Palliative Care Federation of Massachusetts

20 Commercial Drive, Suite 1 Wrentham, MA 02093 781-255-7077

Merrimack Valley Hospice

360 Merrimack Street, Bldg 9 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-377-9100 800-933-5593

HOSPITALS

Anna Jaques Hospital

25 Highland Avenue Newburyport, MA 01950 978-463-1000 www.ajh.org

Holy Family Hospital

70 East Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-687-0151 www.holyfamily-hospital.org

Holy Family Hospital at Merrimack Valley

140 Lincoln Avenue Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-2000

Lahey Clinic Medical Center

41 Mall Road Burlington, MA 01805 781-744-5100 www.lahey.org

Lawrence General Hospital

One General Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-683-4000 www.lawrencegeneral.org

Lowell General Hospital

295 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854 978-937-6000 www.lowellgeneral.org

Lowell General Hospital -Saints Campus

One Hospital Drive Lowell, MA 01852 978-458-1411 www.lowellgeneral.org

Massachusetts Health Care Facilities with acute care departments (emergency rooms) are required to offer interpreter services. Consumers need to notify staff of their need for interpreters.

HOUSING

Accessible Housing

MassAccess Housing Registry helps to find affordable housing in Massachusetts. The Registry highlights homes for people with disabilities who need accessible or barrier-free housing. Call the Northeast Independent Living Program at 978-687-4288, or visit www.massaccesshousingregistry.org

Congregate Housing

Congregate Housing is a living arrangement for seniors and adults with disabilities who do not want to live alone but do not require 24-hour supervision. It combines privacy and companionship by offering each resident a private bedroom or apartment, shared living space and support services. These may include meals, housekeeping, transportation, and social activities.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. manages the admission and support services for the following sites. Call **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890**.

Corliss Congregate

101 Broadway Methuen, MA 01844

Delaney Terrace

8 Sheila Avenue N. Chelmsford, MA 01863

Mammoth Road

901 Mammoth Road Dracut, MA 01826

McFarlin Manor

10 Wilson Street Chelmsford, MA 01824

O'Connor Heights

41 Rear Second Street North Andover, MA 01845

Red Pines Terrace

186 Frost Road Tyngsboro, MA 01879

The following congregate programs should be contacted directly:

Bishop Markham Village

174 South Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-523-9704

MI Residential Community

189 Maple Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-682-7575

Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs)

Sometimes referred to as life care communities, CCRCs are usually comprised of independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing care on one campus. They offer residents a continuum of care appropriate to their changing needs.

D'Youville Life & Wellness Community

981 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854 978-569-1000

Edgewood Retirement Community

575 Osgood Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-725-3300

Housing Authorities

Local housing authorities manage public housing units and rental subsidies to meet the needs of elders and individuals with disabilities with limited income. Financial eligibility is required and rent is based on income. Inquire about supportive services offered at various sites to help residents remain independent as long as possible.

Amesbury Housing Authority

180 Main Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-2022

Andover Housing Authority

100 Morton Street Andover, MA 01810 978-475-2365

Billerica Housing Authority

16 River Street Billerica, MA 01821 978-667-2175

Chelmsford Housing Authority

10 Wilson Street Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-256-7425

Dracut Housing Authority

971 Mammoth Road Dracut, MA 01826 978-957-3515

Dunstable – None

Georgetown Housing Authority

23 Trestle Way Georgetown, MA 01833 978-352-6331

Groveland Housing Authority

10 River Pines Drive Groveland, MA 01834 978-374-0370

Haverhill Housing Authority

25-C Washington Square Haverhill, MA 01830 978-372-6761

Lawrence Housing Authority

353 Elm Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-683-2751

Lowell Housing Authority

350 Moody Street Lowell, MA 01853 978-937-3500

Merrimac Housing Authority

180 Main Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-2022

Methuen Housing Authority

24 Mystic Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-682-8607

Newbury - None

Newburyport Housing Authority

25 Temple Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-465-7216

North Andover Housing Authority

310 Greene Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-682-3932

Rowley Housing Authority

One Plantation Drive Rowley, MA 01969 978-948-2371

Salisbury Housing Authority

23 Beach Road Salisbury, MA 01952 978-462-8600

Tewksbury Housing Authority

Saunders Circle Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-851-7392

Tyngsborough Housing Authority

198 Middlesex Road Tyngsborough, MA 01879 978-649-9941

Westford Housing Authority

65 Tadmuck Road Westford, MA 01886 978-692-6011

West Newbury Housing Authority

379 Main Street West Newbury, MA 01985 978-363-2723

Private Housing

Private Housing is offered through private management, rather than public management. Several offer affordable housing to low-income individuals. Included in this category are senior living and active adult communities (*). This type of community includes houses or condominiums that may be purchased or rented. Inquire about supportive services that may be available at various sites that help residents remain independent as long as possible.

Andover

Andover Commons

30 Railroad Street Andover, MA 01810 978-470-2611

Billerica

Rose Hill Manor

476 Boston Road Billerica, MA 01821 978-362-2626

Boxford

Four Mile Village

50 Four Mile Village Boxford, MA 01921 978-887-8941

Byfield

Oak Ridge Elderly

84 Main Street Byfield, MA 01922 978-465-3422

Quaker Hill

115 Main Street Byfield, MA 01922 978-462-3422

Chelmsford

*Summer Place Independent Retirement Community

20 Summer Street Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-256-9977

Groveland

*Nichols Village

One Nichols Way Groveland, MA 01834 978-372-3930

Haverhill

AHEPA 39 Apartments

40 Buttonwoods Avenue Haverhill, MA 01830 978-469-0276

Bethany Communities

Merrivista

100 Water Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-2168

Mission Towers

180 Water Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-2173

Phoenix

22 Phoenix Row Haverhill, MA 01832 978-374-2164

Hadley West Apartments

515 Hadley West Drive Haverhill, MA 01832 978-373-9571

Judson House Apartments

40 Welcome Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-9739

River's Edge Apartments

1 Water Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-4800

The Cordovan at Haverhill Station

45 Locust Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-3744

Lawrence

Amesbury Gardens

206 Amesbury Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-685-1491

Arlington Park, Inc.

355 Park Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-688-2870

Diamond Spring Gardens

One Beacon Avenue Lawrence, MA 01843 978-686-2558

Edgewood Retirement Community

575 Osgood Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-725-3300 www.EdgewoodRC.com

Essex Towers

18 Franklin Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-686-0440

Residential Community

189 Maple Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-682-7575

Rita Hall Apartments

490 Hampshire Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-687-3838

Sacred Heart Apartments

23 Hawley Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-682-0072

St. Alfio's Villa

35 Common Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-689-0252

Union Crossing

50 Island Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-683-3089

Valebrook Apartments

11 Summer Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-681-9185

Lowell

Bruyere Gardens

975 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854 978-569-1023

Centennial Island Apartments

576 Lawrence Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-454-5581

Father John's Apartments

73 Market Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-454-0229

Jaycee Place Apartments

22 Bowers Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-458-6306

Majestic Apartments

445 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-454-8030

Market Mill Apartments

246 Market Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-454-8030

Massachusetts Mills Apartments

150 Massmills Drive Lowell, MA 01852 978-970-2200

Mazur Park

227 Fayette Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-453-5380

Raymond J. Lord Manor

321 Pawtucket Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-452-5575

River Place Towers

One River Place Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-4433

Rogers Hall

196 Rogers Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-937-3915

Southwick Block Apartments

c/o Wingate Management Co. 78 Prescott Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-3631

Sun Building Apartments

8 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-454-0229

Townehouse of Lowell

c/o Wingate Management Co. 16 Middle Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-3631

The Wentworth

One Shattuck Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-454-4830

Westminster Village

1307 Pawtucket Boulevard Lowell, MA 01854 978-459-6500

Merrimac

Carriage Square Apartments

38 West Main Street Merrimac, MA 01860 800-338-8538

Methuen

Cedar Homes I & II

222 Pelham Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-681-8845

Merrimack Valley Apartments

20 Calumet Road Methuen, MA 01844 978-686-9334

Nevins Manor

110 Broadway Methuen, MA 01844 978-686-1050

Park Gardens

10 Burnham Road Methuen, MA 01844 978-681-0952

Newbury

Newbury Village

30 Rolfe's Lane Newbury, MA 01951 978-462-3300

Newburyport

Heritage House

32 Low Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-462-4039

James Steam Mill

One Charles Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-465-5166

North Andover

WoodRidge Homes

10 Wood Ridge Drive North Andover, MA 01845 978-682-7093

Salisbury

Bayberry Point

(SK Management) 10 Sacks Way Salisbury, MA 01952 603-878-2400

Senior Living Communities

If you are looking to purchase a house or condominium in a community designed exclusively for older adults (usually age 55 years and older), contact a local realtor for information and ask about senior properties or check the real estate section of local newspapers. Homeowners in these communities sometimes rent to adults who meet the age requirement.

Supportive Housing

Supportive Housing is a housing model designed to enable elders and adults with disabilities to age-in-place with as much independence as possible in an environment that provides access to support, connection and community. Supportive housing may be supported by state or federal funds (Dept. of Housing & Urban Development).

Supportive Housing services are available for all residents, with individual in-home services made available based on the resident's need, eligibility and choice. Activities and programming for all residents are coordinated by an Elder Services' Resident Service Coordinator at the following sites:

Amesbury

Heritage Vale & Heritage Towers

180 Main Street Amesbury, MA 01913

Billerica

Supportive Housing Site 1

13 River Street Billerica, MA 01821

Supportive Housing Site 2

16 River Street Billerica, MA 01821 Chelmsford

Delaney Terrace

8 Sheila Avenue

N. Chelmsford, MA 01863

North Village

20 Sheila Avenue

N. Chelmsford, MA 01863

<u>Methuen</u>

Supportive Housing Site 1

22 Mystic Street Methuen, MA 01844

Supportive Housing Site 2

24 Mystic Street Methuen, MA 01844

Supportive Housing Site 3

75 Edgewood Avenue Methuen, MA 01844

100 Corinne Way Tewksbury, MA 01876

<u>Tewksbury</u> The Villa at Meadowview

Westford

Village at Mystery Spring

67 Tadmuck Road Westford, MA 01866

Supportive services provided by the Chelmsford Housing Authority.

Applications must be submitted to the housing authority in each city/town - waiting lists are likely to be in place for each site and may be lengthy. For more information contact your local Housing Authority or call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE – RESOURCES

New England's Regional Office Huntington's Disease Society of America 800-345-4372 www.hdsa.org

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE - RESOURCES

Catholic Charities

275 West Broadway South Boston, MA 02127 617-464-8100 ccab.org

International Institute of Greater Lawrence

125 Amesbury Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-687-0981

International Institute of New England Lowell 15 Warren Street, 2nd Floor

Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-9031 iine.org/lowell

Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)

105 Chauncy Street, Suite 901 Boston, MA 02111 617-350-5480 www.miracoalition.org

Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants Program to Enhance Elder Refugee Services (PEERS)

600 Washington Street 4th Floor Boston, MA 02111 617-727-7888

Merrimack Valley Immigrant and Education Center

439 South Union Street
Building 2, Basement
Lawrence, MA 01843
978-683-7316
www.mviec.org
(Chinese, Khmer speakers)

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS

Independent Living Centers (ILCs) enable people with disabilities to live and work in the community. All Centers provide information and referral, advocacy, peer counseling, skills training and transition services and must employ a minimum of 51% people with disabilities.

Boston Center of Independent Living (BCIL)

60 Temple Place, 5th Floor Boston, MA 02111 617-338-6665 866-338-8085 617-338-6662 TTY www.bostoncil.org

Cape Organization for Rights of the Disabled (CORD)

1066 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601 800-541-0282 V/TTY 508-775-8300 V/TTY www.cilcapecod.org

Center for Living and Working, Inc.

484 Main Street, Suite 345 Worcester, MA 01608 508-798-0350 508-762-1164 V 508-755-1003 TTY www.centerlw.org

ILC of the North Shore & Cape Ann

27 Congress Street, Suite 107 Salem, MA 01970 978-741-0077 V/TTY 888-751-0077 www.ilcnsca.org

Independence Associates, Inc.

100 Laurel Street, Suite 122 East Bridgewater, MA 02333 800-649-5568 V/TDD 508-583-2166 V/TDD www.iacil.org

Metrowest Center for Independent Living

280 Irving Street Framingham, MA 01702 508-875-7853 V/TTY www.mwcil.org

Multi-Cultural Independent Living Center of Boston

329 Centre Street Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 617-942-8060 www.milcb.org

Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP)

20 Ballard Road Lawrence, MA 01843 978-687-4288 V/TTY 978-237-5699 VP www.nilp.org

Southeast CIL

Merrill Building 66 Troy Street Fall River, MA 02720 508-679-9210 V/TTY www.secil.org

Stavros CIL

210 Old Farm Road Amherst, MA 01002 413-256-0473 V/TTY 800-804-1899 V/TTY www.stavros.org

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Elders, families, caregivers and other professionals seeking information about services and programs for elders in Massachusetts or anywhere in U.S. may call (toll free):

Eldercare Locator (National) 800 Age Info (State) 800-677-1116 800-243-4636

MassOptions

1-844-422-6277 (Toll-Free) www.MassOptions.org

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. Age Information Department

The Age Information Department receives inquiries from people seeking information about services, benefits and programs that support an elder's or a family's desire for safe, comfortable and independent living at home. Our priority is meeting the needs of each caller to make the process easy and informative. We have a team of age information specialists with access to an extensive database of local, state and national resources.

Someone is available by phone, M-F from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For assistance call **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890**.

The Northeast Independent Living Program, Inc. (NILP) is a consumer controlled Independent Living Center providing advocacy and services to all people, including youth with disabilities in the Merrimack Valley area who wish to live independently in the community. For information and referral call: 978-687-4288 or 800-845-6457 V/TTY.

INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

Aspergers Works

60 Island Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-710-9951 aspergerworks.org

Best Buddies

529 Main Street, Suite 202 Boston, MA 02108 617-778-0522 www.bestbuddies.org

CLASS, Inc.

1 Parker Street Lawrence, MA 01843-1540 978-975-8587 www.classinc.org

Department of
Developmental Services
Merrimack Valley Area
280 Merrimack Street
Lawrence, MA 01843
978-521-9432
978-521-4391 TTY
www.mass.gov/dds

LifeLinks

285 Mill Road Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-349-3000 www.lifelinksinc.net

Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress

20 Burlington Mall Road Suite 261 Burlington, MA 01803 781-221-0024 www.mdsc.org

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

There are legal agencies that will help individuals locate a lawyer to meet their particular needs. Some agencies and/or lawyers may provide services to low-income people at a reduced rate or at no cost. Call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890, for a list of attorneys who specialize in elder law.

Disability Law Center

11 Beacon Street, Suite 925 Boston, MA 02108 800-872-9992 617-723-8455 800-381-0577 TTY 617-227-9464 TTY www.dlc-ma.org

Essex County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

45 Congress Street, Suite 4100 Salem, MA 01970 978-741-7888

www.essexcountybar.org

Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

20 West Street Boston, MA 02111 866-627-7577 617-338-0585 TTY www.masslawhelp.com

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee

24 School Street, Suite 804 Boston, MA 02108 800-342-9092 617-338-2345 www.mhlac.org

Middlesex County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service 200 Trade Center, 3rd Floor Woburn, MA 01801 781-939-2797

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Mass Chapter PO Box 67137

PO Box 67137 Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 617-566-5640 massnaela.com

Massachusetts Senior Legal Helpline 800-342-5297

Northeast Legal Aid 1-800-336-2262 (MA only) www.northeastlegalaid.org

Lawrence

50 Island Street, Suite 203A Lawrence, MA 01840 978-686-6900

<u>Lowell</u>

35 John Street, Suite 302 Lowell, MA 01852 978-458-1465

LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER (LGBT) SUPPORT/SERVICES

Elder Services LGBT Senior Social Connection supports the unique needs and experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender seniors as they age. Monthly meetings provide older LGBT adults with a positive, collegial and safe setting where the experiences of aging LGBT people are celebrated by sharing meals, activities and the development of new friendships and supports in an atmosphere of trust.

We encourage discussions that explore important issues like fear of discrimination when the need for housing, long term care or home care services of LGBT seniors arise. The monthly meetings are every third Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Merrimac Council on Aging, 100 East Main Street, Merrimac, MA 01860. For more information, call Merrimac COA at 978-346-9549 or Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. at 978-946-1476.

Bay Windows

28 Damrell Street, Suite 204 Boston, MA 02127 617-464-7280 www.baywindows.com

Boston Prime Timers, Inc.

566 Columbus Avenue Boston, MA 02118 617-447-2344 www.bostonpt.org

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. LGBT Senior Social Connection 978-946-1476 978-346-9549

Fenway Health Seniors Group

1340 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02215 617-927-6202 www.fenwayhealth.org

Gay & Lesbian Legal Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)

18 Tremont Street, Suite 950 Boston, MA 02108 800-455-4523 (legal Info Line) 617-426-1350 www.glad.org

LGBT Aging Project

1340 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02215 857-313-6590 www.lgbtagingproject.org National Headquarters National Resource Center on LGBT Aging

c/o Services & Advocacy for LGBT Elders (SAGE) 305 Seventh Avenue, 6th Floor New York, NY 10001 212-741-2247 www.lgbtagingcenter.org

LIVE-IN COMPANIONS

No formal service exists to match companions with elders in exchange for room and board. Companions can be hired privately. Organizations that provide companions for individuals during the day may also offer live-in companions. See the Companionship listing on page 21 for a list of some agencies providing companion services.

LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Long-term care (LTC) insurance policies are available for purchase in Massachusetts with a wide variety of coverage and costs. Massachusetts has established standards for these policies. For a listing of plans and a consumer guide, contact:

Division of Insurance 1000 Washington Street 8th Floor Boston, MA 02118 877-563-4467 617-521-7794 www.mass.gov Long-Term Care Information www.longtermcare.acl.gov

LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

Long Term Care Ombudsman provides volunteer advocates who help residents resolve complaints about patient care, rights, or issues affecting the quality of life in a long-term care facility. Ombudsmen talk with residents privately, advocate on their behalf and work with staff to resolve concerns. This program is managed by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc..

For more information or for assistance from Long Term Care Ombudman Program, call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

MA SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL (SMP) PROGRAM

The MA SMP Program educates Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, family members, caregivers and professionals about the importance of becoming engaged healthcare consumers to protect against, detect and report healthcare errors, fraud and abuse.

The program provides time-sensitive, culturally and linguistically appropriate health benefits eligibility information. The MA SMP Program also provides trainings with Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for professionals. For more information about the MA SMP Program, call 800-892-0890 or visit www.masmp.org.

MASSHEALTH (MEDICAID)

MassHealth is a public health insurance program that pays for all or part of health care costs for eligible low and medium-income residents of Massachusetts. Eligibility is generally based on family income. For information and an application call Customer Service at the number listed below or visit the MassHealth website www.mass.gov.

MassHealth

800-841-2900 800-497-4648 TTY

MassHealth Dental Customer Service

800-207-5019 800-466-7566 TTY masshealth-dental.net

MassHealth Enrollment Center

888-665-9993 888-665-9997 TTY

MASS HEALTH PREMIUM ASSISTANCE

The MassHealth Premium Assistance program is for MassHealth members who have employer-sponsored health insurance (ESI) from a job or who have access to other health insurance. If you have MassHealth and other insurance, you may be able to get help paying for your premium – the amount you pay every month.

Mass Health Premium Assistance

PO Box 9212 Chelsea, MA 02150 800-862-4840

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT - LOAN/DONATION

Some organizations are willing to accept donations of used equipment and to loan these items to those in need. Contact your local Council on Aging/Senior Center first to see if they have an equipment loan closet.

H.E.L.P. (Hospital Equipment Loan Program)

500 West Cummings Park Suite 1150 Woburn, MA 01801 781-322-1052

Lazarus House Ministries

PO Box 408 Lawrence, MA 01842 978-689-8575 (will accept certain items) lazarushouse.org

MassMATCH

877-508-3974 617-204-3851 www.massmatch.org

REquipment

(DME reuse program) 508-713-9690 800-261-9841 dmerequipment.org

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT – PURCHASE

Durable medical equipment (DME) are health care devices that help people with their activities of daily living and health needs. It includes items such as walkers, wheelchairs, hospital beds, oxygen tanks, and a variety of other products.

Alternative Care Providers, Inc.

Retail Store

102 Nagog Park Acton, MA 01720 978-458-6551

Warehouse/Office

102 Nagog Park Acton, MA 01720 978-251-7077 (oxygen) 800-258-0907 www.acpcares.com

Apria Healthcare

4 Presidential Way, Unit A Wilmington, MA 01801 978-657-8446 (oxygen) www.apria.com

Charm Medical Supply

33 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Pembroke, MA 02359 877-942-4276 www.charmmedical.com

Conlin's Pharmacy

30 Lawrence Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-552-1700 (oxygen) www.conlinspharmacy.com

Home Care Specialists

113 Neck Road Bradford, MA 01835 800-698-8113 (oxygen)

Letourneau's Pharmacy

349 North Main Street Andover, MA 01810 978-475-7779 www.letourneaus.net

Long Term Pharmacy Solutions, Inc.

225 Stedman Street # 27 Lowell, MA 01851 978-458-4000 www.ltpharmacy.com

Mobility & More, LLC

65 Parker Street, Unit 4 Newburyport, MA 01950 978-463-3640 www.mobilityandmore.com

Natale Company & SafetyCare

5 West Dexter Avenue Woburn, MA 01801 781-933-7205 www.safety-care.com Neighborhood Diabetes

600 Technology Drive Suite 201 Billerica, MA 01821 800-937-3028 www.sugartest.com

MEDICARE

Medicare is the federal health insurance program that provides health care coverage for individuals age 65 and older and certain persons with disabilities under age 65. It also covers people with end-stage renal disease.

Part A helps pay for hospital care, skilled nursing care (under certain conditions, for a limited time), home health care, hospice care and other services.

Part B helps pay for outpatient medical services, such as doctor services, x-rays and tests, physical, occupational therapy, speech therapy, outpatient hospital care, ambulance service, medical supplies, medical equipment and other medical services. Most people do not have to pay a premium for Part A coverage. A monthly premium is charged for Part B. For questions on Part A or Part B coverage, call **800-633-4227** or visit www.medicare.gov.

Medicare Part D Prescription coverage is provided for people with Medicare through private companies who have contracted with the federal government. Most beneficiaries will pay a monthly premium, an annual deductible, and a share of the cost of prescriptions (co-payment).

Contact the Social Security Administration to find out if you are eligible for Medicare.

See page 108 for a list of local Social Security offices.

For assistance when selecting Medicare health insurance and prescription drug coverage you may also contact the SHINE Program - page 107.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

Medicare Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)

A Medicare HMO is a type of health plan offered by a private insurance company that has contracted with Medicare. It offers all of the Medicare-covered services in addition to other benefits.

Medicare HMO services are provided through a network of medical providers, and members must follow all plan rules for obtaining referrals and prior authorization when necessary. The consumer must continue to pay the Part B premium to Medicare and any plan premiums and co-payments.

MEDICARE FRAUD AND ABUSE

To file a complaint, call the **Inspector General's Hotline US Department of Health and Human Services**, 800-447-8477 or the **MA SMP Program**, see page 79.

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Buy-In Program - pays the Medicare premiums and may pay deductibles and co-payments for certain low-income eligible people.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program (QMB) – pays the Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-payments for certain Medicare

recipients whose assets are limited and whose income falls at or below the federal poverty level.

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary Program (SLMB) – Pays the Medicare Part B premiums of certain Medicare recipients whose assets are limited and whose income falls between 100% and 120% of the federal poverty level.

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE (MEDIGAP)

Medicare Supplemental Insurance, also known as Medigap Insurance, provides extra protection beyond Medicare by filling some of the gaps in Medicare coverage. It is sold by private insurance companies and is available to people who have Medicare Part A and B. The consumer pays the plan's monthly premium. For a list of plans or to discuss eligibility, **contact Elder Services SHINE Program at 800-892-0890.**

MENTAL HEALTH INPATIENT FACILITIES

Anna Jaques Hospital

25 Highland Avenue Newburyport, MA 01950 978-463-1000

Baldpate Hospital

83 Baldpate Road Georgetown, MA 01833 978-352-2131

Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital

61 Springs Road Bedford, MA 01730 781-687-2000

Elliot Hospital

1 Elliot Way Manchester, NH 03103 603-669-5300

Hampstead Hospital

218 East Road Hampstead, NH 03841 603-329-5311

Heywood Hospital

242 Green Street Gardner, MA 01440 978-632-3420

Holy Family Hospital

70 East Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-687-0156

Holy Family Hospital at Merrimack Valley

140 Lincoln Avenue Haverhill, MA 01830 978-521-8360

Lawrence Memorial Hospital

170 Governors Avenue Medford, MA 02155 781-306-6155

McLean Hospital

115 Mill Street Belmont, MA 02478 800-333-0338

Tewksbury Hospital

365 East Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-851-7321

The Whittier Pavilion

76 Summer Street Haverhill, MA 01830 800-215-8003

MENTAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Amesbury Psychological Center

24 Morrill Place Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-5700

Arbour Counseling Services

www.arbourhealth.com

Haverhill

116 Summer Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-7010 978-521-2955 (partial hospitalization)

Lawrence

599 Canal Street, Suite 1 East Lawrence, MA 01840 978-686-8202

Lowell

10 Bridge Street, 3rd Floor Lowell, MA 01852 978-453-5736

Bridgewell Counseling Services & Adult Day Treatment

35 Market Street, 2nd Floor Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-0389 www.bridgewell.org

Department of Mental Health Essex North Site Office

280 Merrimack Street, 3rd Fl. Lawrence, MA 01843 978-738-4500 www.mass.gov/dmh

Family Associates of Merrimack Valley

201 Chelmsford Street Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-256-1467 www.familyassociates.org

Family Continuity Program

360 Merrimack Street, Bldg. 9 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-687-1617 familycontinuity.org

Family Services of the Merrimack Valley

430 North Canal Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-327-6600 www.fsmv.org

Greater Lowell Psychiatric Associates

73 Princeton Street, Suite 203 No. Chelmsford, MA 01863 978-256-6579 www.greaterlowellpsychassoc.com

Haverhill Club House

100 Locust Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-521-6957 www.haverhillclubhouse.org

Lahey Health Behavioral Services

12 Methuen Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-683-3128

Lahey Health Behavioral Services Emergency Psychiatric Services

<u>Haverhill</u> 978-521-7777 800-281-3223

<u>Lawrence</u> 978-620-1250 877-255-1261

Lowell 978-455-3397 800-830-5177

Lowell Community Health Center - Outpatient Behavioral Health Services

161 Jackson Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-937-9700 www.lchealth.org

Mental Health Resources Plus, Inc.

43 Jackson Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-685-6609

Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities

70 Lawrence Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-452-1421 www.ccab.org

National Alliance On Mental Illness

The Schrafft's Center 529 Main Street, Suite 1M17 Boston, MA 02129 617-580-8541 www.namimass.org

Northeast Independent Living Program, Inc. Northeast Recovery Learning Community

20 Ballard Road Lawrence, MA 01843 978-687-4288 V/TTY www.nilp.org

Point After Club

15 Union Street, #70 Lawrence, MA 01840 978-681-7753

Renaissance Club

176 Walker Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-454-7944 www.renaissanceclublowell.org

Riverside Counseling Associates

200 Merrimack Street, Suite 303 Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-8090

Bridgewell Counseling Services

7 Summer Street, Suite 19 Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-256-1444

South Bay Community Services Mental Health Center

Lawrence Mental Health Clinic 360 Merrimack Street Building 9, Door H Lawrence, MA 01843 978-688-4830

Lowell Mental Health Clinic 22 Old Canal Drive Lowell, MA 01851 978-453-6800

The Psychological Center

11 Union Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-685-1337 978-291-2262 psychologicalcenter.com

Vinfen

99 Church Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-458-6282

MOVING FORWARD PLAN (MFP)

This program consists of home and community-based services waivers designed to help MassHealth members move from a nursing facility or chronic disease, rehabilitation, or psychiatric hospital back to their community. The MFP waivers help by making the move from the facility to the community easier and by providing community-based services.

The two MFP Waivers are:

- MFP Residential Supports (MFP-RS) waiver for people who need supervision and staffing 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- MFP Community Living (MFP-CL) waiver for people who
 can move to their own home or apartment or to the home of
 someone else and receive services in the community.

Call Northeast Independent Living Program, 978-687-4288 (V/TTY) or Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890 or 800-924-4222 (TDD/TTY).

MOVING RESOURCES

A Perfect Move 240 US Route 1 Kittery, ME 03904 207-439-0757 Bradford Movers 11 Columbus Avenue Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-7101

Ferrick Brothers Moving Company

8 Federal Way Groveland, MA 01843 978-794-9094 www.ferrickmovers.com

Home Transition Resource

9 Bartlet Street, Suite 145 Andover, MA 01810 978-475-5085 hometransitionresource.com

My MAD Packers

PO Box 3 Malden, MA 02148 781-281-8228 www.mymadpackers.com

Simpson Bros Moving & Storage

45 South Canal Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-794-9094 www.simpsonbros.net

Troy's Moving and Storage

26 Wellman Street Lowell, MA 01851 978-458-4465 www.troysmovers.com

MULTICULTURAL RESOURCES

The following agencies will assist individuals whose primary language is not English. Services provided may include education programs, citizenship assistance, job counseling and housing assistance. Other services may also be offered.

African Community Center

155 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA 01853 978-654-5678

Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc.

465 School Street Lowell, MA 01851 978-454-6200

GLCAC, Inc. Community Service Center 305 Essex Street, 2nd Floor Lawrence, MA 01840 978-681-4905

(Spanish speakers)

Haverhill Council on Aging

Minority Outreach Program 10 Welcome Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-2390 (Spanish speakers)

International Institute of **Greater Lawrence**

125 Amesbury Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-687-0981 (Spanish speakers)

International Institute of New England - Lowell

15 Warren Street, 2nd Floor Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-9031 (Khmer, Spanish, Arabic, Burmese speakers)

Lawrence Council on Aging

Minority Outreach Program 155 Haverhill Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-620-3540 (Spanish speakers)

Lowell Council on Aging

Minority Outreach Program 276 Broadway Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-674-1171 (Spanish, Portuguese, Khmer speakers)

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)

11 Mill Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-970-1250 (Portuguese speakers)

METTA Health Center

135 Jackson Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-937-9700

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS - RESOURCES

National Multiple Sclerosis Society **Greater New England Chapter**

101A First Avenue, Suite 6 Waltham, MA 02451 800-344-4867

www.nationalmssociety.org

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY - RESOURCES

Muscular Dystrophy Association 33 Lyman Street Westborough, MA 01581 508-898-3375 www.mda.org

NEW HAMPSHIRE SERVICES

To locate services for people of all ages, income levels, and disabilities, call:

ServiceLink Resource Center

8 Commerce Drive, Unit 802 Atkinson, NH 03811 603-893-9769 www.servicelink.nh.gov

NORTHEAST INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

The Northeast Independent Living Program, Inc. (NILP) is a consumer controlled, cross-disability Independent Living Center (ILC) providing advocacy and services to people with disabilities who wish to live and work as independently as possible in Northeastern Massachusetts. NILP services include: Information & Referral, Individual and Systems Advocacy, Peer Support and Counseling, Nursing Home Transition and Skills Training services to consumers and their families, at no cost.

Specific Programs include: Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Program; Transition to Adulthood (TAP) Program for youth ages 14-22 those still in high school on an IEP or 504 plan; Deaf & Hard of Hearing (DHILS) Program and Recovery Peer Services through our Recovery Learning Community.

Transition Services are available for individuals wishing to return to the community from nursing homes, hospitals and rehabilitation settings. Individual and systems advocacy efforts support those living with a disability with a full range of community supports that enable them to remain in or return to home.

NILP, in partnership with Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. form the Merrimack Valley Aging and Disability Resource Consortium (MVADRC). The MVADRC offers **Options Counseling**, a short-term decision-support process providing information on available public and private resources, services and settings in the community. The Options Counselor works with each consumer to identify needs, outside supports and resources to ensure a consumer's personal goals and preferences are respected.

For more information, call the Northeast Independent Living Program at 978-687-4288 (V/TTY), www.nilp.org.

NORTHEAST RECOVERY LEARNING COMMUNITY (NERLC)

NILP's Northeast Recovery Learning Community creates welcoming and safe spaces where diverse communities gather for healing and growth. NERLC is committed to creating a strong peer-to-peer community for persons recovering from extreme emotional distress, trauma, psychiatric diagnoses, addiction and a variety of other challenges in life. The NERLC supports individuals who have lived experience with these life challenges find their own paths to recovery and wellness in the communities of their choice. By offering trauma-sensitive peer supports, we encourage each other to lead meaningful, productive lives and together, create a welcoming and diverse peer community.

For more information, call the Northeast Independent Living Program at 978-687-4288 (V/TTY), www.nilp.org.

NURSING HOME PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING

Nursing home screenings are medical assessments, provided by registered nurses, for those being considered for nursing home placement. The pre-admission screening process is required for MassHealth applicants to evaluate an individual's needs and determine if nursing home care is appropriate. For more information, call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

NURSING HOME QUALITY INDICATORS

The following website provides detailed information on the performance of nursing homes in your area.

Medicare

www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare

NURSING HOMES

Nursing homes are facilities used for a short stay following surgery or for long-term care. They provide 24-hour skilled nursing care, rehabilitative services, assistance with activities of daily living, meals and social activities. A facility may offer other specialized services.

Amesbury Maplewood Center 6 Morrill Place Amesbury, MA 01913

978-388-3500

Merrimack Valley Health Center

22 Maple Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-4682

Andover

Academy Manor 89 Morton Street Andover, MA 01810 978-475-0944

Wingate at Andover

80 Andover Street Andover, MA 01810 978-470-3434

Billerica

Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley

80 Boston Road North Billerica, MA 01862 978-667-2166

Chelmsford

Palm Manor

40 Parkhurst Road Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-256-3151

Sunny Acres Nursing and Rehab Center

254 Billerica Road Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-256-0231

Haverhill

Baker-Katz Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

194 Boardman Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-5697

Hannah Duston Healthcare Center

126 Monument Street Haverhill, MA 01832 978-373-1747

Lakeview House Skilled Nursing and Residential Care Facility

87 Shattuck Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-372-1081

Penacook Place Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation

150 Water Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-0707

The Oxford

689 Main Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-1131

Wingate at Haverhill

190 North Avenue Haverhill, MA 01830 978-372-7700

Lawrence

Berkeley Retirement Home & Nursing Center

150 Berkeley Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-682-1614

MI Nursing/Restorative Ctr.

172 Lawrence Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-685-6321

Royal Wood Mill Nursing and Rehab Center

800 Essex Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-686-2994

Lowell

Care One at Lowell

19 Varnum Street Lowell, MA 01850 978-454-5644

D'Youville Life & Wellness Community

981 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854 978-569-1000

Fairhaven Healthcare Center

476 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854 978-458-3388

Northwood Rehabilitation and Health Care Center

1010 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854 978-458-8773

Town & Country Health Care Center

259 Baldwin Street Lowell, MA 01851 978-454-5438

Willow Manor

30 Princeton Boulevard Lowell, MA 01851 978-454-8086

Wingate at Belvidere

500 Wentworth Avenue Lowell, MA 01852 978-458-1271

<u>Methuen</u>

Cedar View Rehab and HealthCare Center

480 Jackson Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-686-3906

Nevins Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

10 Ingalls Court Methuen, MA 01844 978-682-7611

Newburyport

Brigham Health and Rehabilitation Center

77 High Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-462-4221

Country Center for Health and Rehabilitation

180 Low Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-465-5361

Port Healthcare Center

113 Low Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-462-7373

North Andover

The Meadows Health Center at Edgewood

575 Osgood Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-725-3300

Prescott House

140 Prescott Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-685-8086

Sutton Hill Center

1801 Turnpike Street North Andover, MA 01845 978-688-1212

Rowley

Sea View Retreat 50 Mansion Drive Rowley, MA 01969

978-948-2552

Tewksbury

Blaire House of Tewksbury

10 Erlin Terrace Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-851-3121

Westford

Westford House

3 Park Drive Westford, MA 01886 978-392-1144

ONE CARE PLAN PROGRAM

The One Care Plan was created by MassHealth and Medicare to give individuals ages 21-64, with both MassHealth Standard and Medicare a better way to receive care and social services. This is done with a primary care team of health professionals and a Long-Term Care Support Services Coordinator. They develop individualized care plans for members that support their health, safety, independence and recovery.

Individuals interested in enrolling in the One Care Plan can contact MassHealth Customer Service at 800-841-2900 or contact one of the providers listed who serve Merrimack Valley communities.

Commonwealth Care Alliance

30 Winter Street, 11th Floor Boston, MA, 02108 866-610-2273

www.commonwealthcarealliance.org

Tufts Health Unify

705 Mount Auburn Street Watertown, MA 02472 855-393-3154 www.tuftshealthpan.com

OPTIONS COUNSELING PROGRAM

This program assists individuals in need of long-term care services to make informed choices of setting and services, resources to help pay for supports and services, referrals to experts in the field of the individual's particular disability as needed, and assistance in connecting with appropriate resources. Counseling sessions can take place in the hospital, rehabilitation facility, nursing facility, assisted living residence, rest home or community setting. For information and referral call **Elder Services** of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890 or Northeast Independent Living Program at 978-687-4288 (V/TTY).

ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

For a list of companies that offer orthotics and prosthetics, call Northeast Independent Living Program 978-687-4288 V/TTY or Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

PACE PROGRAM

Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is for adults over age 55, living with disabilities and within a PACE service area. The program provides community-based care and services to consumers who would otherwise need a nursing home level of care. PACE provides the consumer, family, caregivers and professional health care providers flexibility to meet the healthcare needs of the consumer and help them continue to live in the community. PACE programs are covered by Medicare and Medicaid for eligible individuals and available on a private pay basis.

Element Care 166 Central Street

Lowell, MA 01852 877-803-5564 elementcare.org

Summit Elder Care

1081 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854 (978) 427-6810 www.summiteldercare.org

PARKINSON'S DISEASE - RESOURCES

American Parkinson Disease Association Information and Referral Ctr.

72 E. Concord Street, C3
Boston, MA 02118
617-638-8466
800-651-8466
www.apdama.org

National Parkinson Foundation Cape Cod Chapter PO Box 195 Cotuit, MA 02653 617-638-8466 800-651-8466

www.apdaparkinson.org

Parkinson's Disease Foundation

1359 Broadway, Suite 1509 New York, NY 10018 800-473-4636 (National Helpline) www.pdf.org

PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Personal Care Assistance Program (PCA) is a support program for individuals living with chronic disabilities or illness who need special assistance to maintain quality of life at home. PCA consumers receive assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, eating, or dressing. PCA services are available to MassHealth eligible persons with a permanent chronic disability or illness. The PCA program is consumer-controlled, and the person receiving the services can decide who they have working for them and set the schedule that is most convenient for their needs.

For more information call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890 or Northeast Independent Living Program, at 978-687-4288.

PHYSICIAN REFERRAL SERVICES

If you need to choose a primary care physician or medical specialist and have private health insurance, call the insurance provider's Member Services Department. Depending on your health care coverage, the following providers may also be able to assist you by telephone or online.

Anna Jaques Hospital

25 Highland Avenue Newburyport, MA 01950 978-463-1090 www.ajh.org

Holy Family Hospital

Haverhill 800-488-5959 www.merrimackvalleyhospital.org

Methuen 800-488-5959 www.holyfamily-hospital.org

Lawrence General Hospital

One General Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-683-4000 www.lawrencegeneral.org

Lowell General Hospital Saints Campus

One Hospital Drive Lowell, MA 01852 800-544-2424 www.lowellgeneral.org MassHealth Customer Service 800-841-2900 800-497-4648 TTY www.mass.gov

Medicare 800-633-4227 www.medicare.gov

Physician Profiles Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine 781-876-8230 www.profiles,ehs.state.ma.us/profiles/pages/findaphysician.aspx

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE

For questions about prescription drug coverage, call your local council on aging (see pages 24-26) or Elder Services and ask to speak with a SHINE Counselor. For prescription medication disposal call your local police department. The following may also be helpful:

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) Pharmacy Outreach Program

This free service offers trained pharmacy professionals to help Massachusetts residents determine which prescription assistance programs they may be eligible for and assist with the application process.

25 Foster Street Worcester, MA 01608 866-633-1617 www.mcphs.com

Needymeds

Provides information about patient assistance programs offered by drug companies which provide free or low-cost prescription medications to eligible individuals.

800-503-6897 www.needymeds.org

Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)

This national organization assists eligible individuals to receive the medicine they need at low or no cost. It offers a single point of access to many public and private patient assistance programs, including those offered by pharmaceutical companies. Individuals complete the online application and PPA will match them with the assistance program for which they may be eligible.

www.pparx.org

Prescription Advantage

This is a prescription drug insurance plan available to all Massachusetts residents age 65 years and older and to younger individuals with disabilities who meet income and employment guidelines. For people

with Medicare prescription drug coverage, it provides supplemental assistance and is a secondary payer. For people who do not qualify for Medicare, it offers primary prescription drug coverage.

PO Box 15153 Worcester, MA 01615-0153 800-AGE-INFO 800-243-4636, press 2 877-610-0241 TTY www.800ageinfo.com www.prescriptionadvantagema.org

RECREATION

The Councils on Aging (see pages 24-26) offer an array of social and community engagement opportunities for older adults. Contact them for a schedule of events. There also are a number of organizations that have designed their sports and recreational activities to accommodate the needs of people with various disabilities. Call the Northeast Independent Living Program 978-687-4288 V/TTY or Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890, for a list of these programs. You can also request a list of accessible museums, theaters, art galleries and cinemas in the local area.

Mass Audubon Society 208 South Great Road Lincoln, MA 01773 781-259-9500 800-283-8266

www.massaudubon.org

Mass Dept of Conservation & Recreation Universal Access Program

413-545-5353 <u>DCR.UniversalAccess@state.m</u> <u>a.us</u>

Northeast Passage Therapeutic Recreation

121 Technology Drive Suite 161 Durham, NH 03824 603-862-0070 800-735-2964 TTY

Recreational Adult Resource Association (RARA)

295 High Street Lowell MA 01852 978-453-5598 www.raraagency.org

Spaulding Adaptive Sports Centers

One Dove Avenue Salem, MA 01970 978-745-9003

Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA)

512 Forest Street
Marlborough, MA 01752
508-485-0986
www.specialolympicsma.org

REHABILITATION SERVICES

The following resources have both inpatient and outpatient services for elders and people with disabilities. Other services are available such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and more. Please call the locations below for more information.

Healthsouth New England Rehabilitation Hospital

2 Rehabilitation Way Woburn, MA 01801 781-935-5050 (inpatient) 781-939-1921 (outpatient)

Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital

70 Butler Street Salem, NH 03079 603-893-2900

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital

300 First Avenue Charlestown, MA 02129 617-952-5000

The Meadows Health Center At Edgewood

575 Osgood Street North Andover, MA 01845 Phone: 978-725-4116 www.EdgewoodRC.com

Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital

145 Ward Hill Avenue Haverhill, MA 01835 800-442-1717 (Admissions) 978-372-8000

RESPITE SERVICES

Respite care services provide home and/or community-based assistance to provide relief to primary caregivers of elders or individuals with disabilities. Services are available either through the State Home Care program for those who qualify or on a private pay basis through a variety of community organizations. Eligible applicants may qualify to receive financial assistance through the Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP). See page 40 for more details. For more information call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

REST HOMES

Rest homes provide room and board for those who do not require 24 hour, skilled nursing care. They offer supervision, minimal medical services and social activities.

Amesbury

Hillside Rest Home

29 Hillside Avenue Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-1010

Haverhill

Ivy Hill Court

337 Main Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-374-8861

Lakeview House Skilled Nursing and Residential Care Facility

87 Shattuck Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-372-1081

Lawrence

Berkeley Retirement Home

& Nursing Center

150 Berkeley Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-682-1614

The German Home

374 Howard Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-682-5593

Methuen

Halcyon House Retirement Home

175 Berkeley Street Methuen, MA 01844 978-685-5505

Newburyport Griffin Home for Aged Men

361 High Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-465-7091

SENIOR CARE OPTIONS (SCO)

Senior Care Options (SCO) is a partnership between MassHealth and Medicare that provides a complete package of health care and social services to low-income eligible seniors. A team of health professionals develop individualized care plans for each member and services are provided by a network of medical and other professionals. Enrollment in Senior Care Options is voluntary. The SCO programs offers seniors the option of enrolling in one of the following SCO health plans.

Commonwealth Care Alliance/One Care

30 Winter Street, 11th Floor Boston, MA 02108 866-610-2273 www.commonwealthcareallianc e.org

Fallon Community Health Plan - NaviCare

10 Chestnut Street Worcester, MA 01608 866-360-4197 www.navicare.org

Senior Whole Health

58 Charles Street Cambridge, MA 02141 888-794-7268 www.seniorwholehealth.com

Tufts Health Plan

Senior Care Options Plan 705 Mount Auburn Street Suite 3 Watertown, MA 02472 855-670-5927 www.thpmp.org/sco

United Healthcare Community Plan

950 Winter Street, Suite 3800 Waltham, MA 02451 888-867-5511 www.uhccommunityplan.com

SERVICE DOGS

Canine Companions for Independence

The Miller Family Campus 286 Middle Island Road Medford, NY 11763 631-561-0200 V/TTY 800-572-2275 www.cci.org

Dogs for Better Lives

10175 Wheeler Road Central Point, OR 97502 541-826-9220 V/TTY (out of state) www.dogsforbetterlives.org

Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc

27 Cannon Rd Wilton, CT 06897 (203) 529-8201 www.fidelco.org

Guide Dogs for the Blind

PO Box 151200 San Rafael, CA 94915-1200 800-295-4050 www.guidedogs.com

NEADS

PO Box 1100 Princeton, MA 01541 978-422-9064 www.neads.org

Paws with a Cause

4646 South Division Street Wayland, MI 49348 800-253-PAWS V/TTY (800-253-7297) V/TTY www.pawswithacause.org

Pet Partners

345 118th Ave SE, Suite 200 Bellevue, WA 98005 425-679-5500 petpartners.org

The Seeing Eye

PO Box 375 Morristown, NJ 07963-0375 973-539-4425 www.seeingeye.org

SHELTERS

Emergency shelters provide housing to individuals or families who are homeless and have no other options. Others may be classified as **wet**, which allows those with active substance use to stay, or **dry**, which does not allow those with active substance use to stay.

There are also shelters, at confidential locations, for women and children experiencing domestic violence.

Many shelters indicate they are wheelchair accessible. However, this does not mean they are in full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These shelters are indicated by this icon.

Alternative House 5 (Domestic Violence Shelter)

PO Box 2100 Lowell, MA 01853 (mailing address only) 978-937-5777 888-291-6228 978-454-1436 (Hotline)

Bridge House **Lynn Shelter Association**

24 Baker Street Lynn, MA 01902 781-593-3898

Centerboard

16 City Hall Square Lynn, MA 01901 781-598-9467



Daybreak Shelter 💍 The Psychological Center

19 Winter Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-975-4547

Emmaus Inc. 🛌 PO Box 568 Haverhill, MA 01831 978-241-3400 www.emmausinc.org

House of Hope 💍 812 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-458-2870

House of Mercy (Day Shelter)

85 Bay State Road Lawrence, MA 01843 978-655-8141

Lazarus House

48 Holly Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-269-5283

Lowell Transitional Living Center 🔼

205-209 Middlesex Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-458-9888

Merrimack House Community Teamwork, Inc. 155 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852
978-452-4241
978-459-0551

Milly's Place Community Teamwork, Inc. 360 Pawtucket Street Lowell, MA 01854 978-458-8853

Mitch's Place PO Box 568 Haverhill, MA 01831 978-241-3430

SHINE PROGRAM

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (SHINE) Program provides free, unbiased one-on-one health care information, counseling and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries.

SHINE Counselors are volunteers, trained and certified by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. They meet with Medicare beneficiaries and caregivers to help evaluate, compare and enroll in a health plan that best meets their personal needs. SHINE Counselors also provide resources for health care cost assistance and Medicare rights and protections.

To find a SHINE Counselor located in your area, call your local Council on Aging (see pages 24-26) or call **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890**.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

SSDI provides benefits to individuals who are blind or have a disability and are "insured" by workers' contributions to the Social Security Trust Fund*. For more information call your local Social Security office above. *Excepted from the SSA "Red Book"

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a monthly supplement paid to persons with low-income who are 65 years and older. It is also paid to persons of any age who have low-income, are blind or have a disability. Contact your local Social Security office to apply for Social Security Disability Insurance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), retirement, survivor or Medicare benefits and. You also can go online at www.socialsecurity.gov for information on these programs or to apply.

Haverhill / Newburyport Social Security Administration 367 Main Street Haverhill, MA 01830 866-964-4324

Lawrence
Social Security
Administration
439 South Union Street
Lawrence, MA 01843
877-669-3127

Lowell
Social Security
Administration
151 Warren Street, Suite 300
Lowell, MA 01852
877-746-9850
800-772-1213

SPINAL CORD INJURY - RESOURCES

National Spinal Cord Injury Association Greater Boston Chapter

2 Rehabilitation Way Woburn, MA 01801 617-952-5643 www.sciboston.org

STROKE - RESOURCES

American Stroke Association National Center

7272 Greenville Avenue Dallas, TX 75231 888-478-7653 www.strokeassociation.org **American Heart Association**

300 5th Avenue, Suite 6 Waltham, MA 02451 781-373-4500 massachusetts.heart.org

SUBSTANCE ABUSE - ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

The following resources include inpatient programs, outpatient services, self-help groups and referral helplines.

AA Lowell District 21

978-957-4690

Adcare Hospital

107 Lincoln Street Worcester, MA 01605 800-252-6465 www.adcare.com

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

12 Channel Street, Suite 604 Boston, MA 02210 617-426-9444 aaboston.org

Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups

57 East Main St., Suite 109 Westboro, MA 01581 508-366-0556

www.ma-al-anon-alateen.org

Baldpate Hospital

83 Baldpate Road Georgetown, MA 01833 978-352-2131 www.detoxma.com

Danvers Treatment Center

111 Middleton Road Danvers, MA 01923 978-777-2121

Family Services of the Merrimack Valley

430 North Canal Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-327-6600 www.fsmv.org

Glenice Sheehan Women's Recovery Home

365 East Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-640-0840 lowellhouseinc.org/sheehanhouse

Link House

37 Washington Street Newburyport, MA 01950 978-462-7341 <u>linkhouseinc.org</u>

Lahey Health Behavioral Services

365 East Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-259-7000 www.nebhealth.org

Lahey Health Behavioral Services - Outpatient Clinic

12 Methuen Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-683-3128 www.nebhealth.org

Men's Recovery Home

365 East Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 978-459-3371

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Helpline

800-327-5050 helplinema.org

New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous

PO Box 437 Quincy, MA 02169 866-624-3578 www.newenglandna.org

NFI Massachusetts

76 Winter Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-373-1181 www.nfima.org

The Psychological Center

11 Union Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-685-1337 978-291-2262 psychologicalcenter.com Women's View Residential Program

582-584 Haverhill Street Lawrence, MA 01841 978-687-1658

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Intervention

Elder Services has programs designed to educate Care Managers and Registered Nurses about the risk factors for suicide, how to address suicidal thoughts and statements made by consumers and immediately involve the clinical team to assess and determine next steps. For more information call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

Samaritans

The Samaritans are trained volunteers who offer free, confidential, emotional support to individuals who are suicidal, depressed, or in despair. The primary focus is care for those in immediate danger of taking their own lives. Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Family Services of the Merrimack Valley

Samaritans of Merrimack Valley, Inc. 430 North Canal Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-327-6671 (Business Line)

Crisis Help Line 978-327-6607

866-912-4673

www.stop-suicide.org

SUPPORT GROUPS - RESOURCES

A support group is a meeting of people who share similar problems or concerns. Group members meet regularly to problem-solve, learn from each other, and to lend support. Guest speakers may be scheduled to facilitate discussion or to present topical information. Contact your council on aging, senior center, local hospital or call **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890** or **Northeast Independent Living Program, 978-687-4288 V/TTY** for a listing in your area.

TAXES – RESOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE

Property Tax Exemptions and Deferrals

Call your local assessor's office to inquire if you qualify for a property tax exemption or deferral. Some cities and towns also offer tax relief for community services. Contact your local Council on Aging for more information (see pages 24-26).

Income Tax Form Preparation

Trained volunteers are available at many senior centers from February 1 to April 15 each year to help elders complete simple income tax forms. Contact your Council on Aging for more information.

AARP Tax-Aide Program (Seasonal Program)

Trained volunteers offer free tax consulting and preparation to low and middle-income persons with special emphasis on those 60 years and older. Call **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890**, for the location of a Tax-Aide site near you.

Massachusetts Department of Revenue

PO Box 7010 Boston, MA 02204 800-392-6089 www.mass.gov/dor

Office of the Taxpayer Advocate

Massachusetts Department of Revenue 100 Cambridge Street, 7th Floor Boston, MA 02114 617-626-2280

TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE

The Department of Transitional Assistance (public welfare) helps individuals in transition with emergency financial assistance, food, and shelter. It also provides information and referral to other public benefits programs and local resources.

Department of Transitional Assistance

www.mass.gov/dta

Greater Lowell 131 Davidson Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-446-2400 Greater Lawrence, Haverhill, Newburyport 280 Merrimack Street, Suite 200 Lawrence, MA 01843 978-725-7100

TRANSITIONAL INPATIENT CARE

Inpatient program for people who have been discharged from an acute hospital setting but still require short-term rehabilitation and other special care to make a smooth transition from hospital to home.

D'Youville Center for Advanced Therapy1071 Varnum Avenue
Lowell, MA 01854
978-569-1000

TRANSPORTATION - RESOURCES

American Cancer Society Road to Recovery 800-227-2345 www.cancer.org Assist Medical Transportation, Inc. 455 Market Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-685-8767

Boston/Peabody Medi-Ride

Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority Office of Special Services 978-469-6878, option 3

Central Wheelchair & Van Transportation

142 Essex Street, 2nd Floor Haverhill, MA 01832 978-374-9480

Councils on Aging

See pages 24-26

EZ Trans

Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority Office of Special Services 978-469-6878, option 3 www.mvrta.com/specialservices/ez-trans/

Gentle Arms Daily

PO Box 384 Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-809-0033

Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA)

115 Thorndike Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-0164 lrta.com

MassTrans

150A Andover Street Danvers, MA 01923 978-223-4020

Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA)

85 Railroad Avenue Haverhill, MA 01835 978-469-6878 www.mvrta.com

Northern Essex Elder Transport (NEET)

100 Main Street Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-7474

Patriot Ambulance

248 Mill Road., Bldg. 2, Unit 2 Chelmsford, MA 01824 978-367-5000

PrideSTAR EMS

229 Stedman Street Lowell, MA 01851 978-441-0911

Ring and Ride

Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority Office of Special Services 978-469-6878, option 3

Road Runner

Lowell Regional Transit Authority 113 Thorndike Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-459-0152

Trinity E.M.S., Inc.

1201 Westford Street (Mail to: PO Box 187) Lowell, MA 01853 978-441-9191

VEHICLE MODIFICATION

Adaptive Mobility Equipment 1551 Fall River Avenue Seekonk, MA 02771 800-311-2849

MobilityWorks

57 George Leven Dr, North Attleborough, MA 02760 (508) 859-0940 www.mobilityworks.com

VETERANS INDEPENDENCE PLUS PROGRAM (VIP)

This program serves veterans of any age at risk of nursing home placement. VIP allows a veteran to receive a comprehensive assessment to identify his/her needs and preferences, develop an individual budget and service plan, and purchase goods and services that will best meet his/her needs. For more information call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc., Age Information Department at 800-892-0890.

VETERANS - RESOURCES

Benefits and services offered to veterans and their dependents may include disability benefits, education, training benefits, vocational rehabilitation, employment, home loans, burial benefits, dependent and survivor benefits, life insurance and healthcare. Call your town hall to locate your Veteran's Services Officer. For a copy of the Veteran

Resource Guide of the Merrimack Valley, call Community Relations at Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. at 800-892-0890.

Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office

JFK Federal Building 15 New Sudbury Street Boston, MA 02203 800-827-1000 www.va.gov

Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital

200 Springs Road Bedford, MA 01730 781-687-2000 www.bedford.va.gov

Haverhill Outpatient Clinic

108 Merrimack Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-372-5207

Lowell Outpatient Clinic

130 Marshall Road Lowell, MA 01852 978-671-9000

New England Veterans Liberty House

599 Canal Street 6 East, Suite 17 Lawrence, MA 01841 978-258-2331

VA Boston Healthcare System

150 South Huntington Avenue Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 617-232-9500

1400 VFW Parkway West Roxbury, MA 02132 617-323-7700

Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, Inc.

10 Reed Street Haverhill, MA 01830 978-372-3626 www.vneoc.org

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps eligible low-income homeowners and renters reduce their heating bills by making their homes more energy efficient. This program is operational year round.

Action, Inc.

47 Washington Street Gloucester, MA 01930 978-283-2131 (statewide) www.actioninc.org

Community Teamwork, Inc. Energy Programs

45 Kirk Street Lowell, MA 01852 978-654-4904 www.comteam.org

Greater Lawrence Community Action Council

305 Essex Street Lawrence, MA 01840 978-681-4956 www.glcac.org

Mass Weatherization Inc.

3 Ocean Avenue Salem, MA 01970 978-741-3471 (statewide)

YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

The following organizations provide a wide range of services to youth with various disabilities:

The Autism Insurance Resource Center

E. K. Shriver Center 55 Lake Avenue North Suite S3-301 Worcester, MA 01655 800-642-0249 800-764-0200 TTY massairc.org

CLASS, Inc.

The Arc of Greater Lawrence

One Parker Street Lawrence, MA 01843 978-975-8587 www.classinc.org

Day and Work Supports

64 Holten Street Danvers, MA 01923 978-624-3058

Federation for Children with Special Needs

529 Main Street, Suite 1M3 Charlestown, MA 02129 800-331-0688 V/TTY fcsn.org

Jewish Family and Children Services HALO Swim & Sing

1430 Main Street Waltham, MA 02451 781-647-JFCS (5327)

Massachusetts Rehab Commission (MRC) Turning 22 Program

600 Washington Street Boston, MA 02211 617-204-3618 617-204-3815 TTY

Northeast ARC

64 Holten Street Danvers, MA 01923 978-762-4878 www.ne-arc.org

Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP)

20 Ballard Road Lawrence, MA 01843 978-687-4288 V/TTY 978-237-5699 VP www.nilp.org

Partners for Youth with Disabilities

5 Middlesex Ave, Suite 307 Somerville, MA 02145 617-556-4075 www.pyd.org

PCA Program and Family Support Services

6 Southside Road Danvers, MA 01923 978-624-2366

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