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Schumer: 215,000 EPIC Enrollees In Upstate New York, Approximately 53,000 Shifting To Medicare; 183,000 Medicare/Medicaid Dual Eligible Seniors Already Completed Rocky Transition

There are over 360,000 EPIC enrolled seniors in New York State, **215,000** live in Upstate New York. New York's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program provides prescription coverage for seniors who have too high of an income to qualify for Medicaid, but need help paying for costly prescription drugs. Governor Pataki recently proposed that **53,000 Upstate seniors** covered by EPIC shift to the Medicare drug program. That transition has had a rocky start. This January, **183,000** Medicare/Medicaid dual eligible seniors Upstate transitioned to Medicare Part D. The transition of dual-eligibles to the Medicare drug plan did not go smoothly, leaving many seniors with dangerous gaps in drug coverage.

There are **22,484 Capital Region** seniors enrolled in New York's well regarded EPIC program, **6,148** of whom will be transitioned to Medicare Part D. **22,546 Capital Region** seniors eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid may lose access to certain drugs if emergency coverage is not extended.

County	EPIC Enrollees	Estimated EPIC Enrollees Moving To Medicare	Dual Eligible Medicare/Medicaid
Albany	5,804	1,451	6,470
Fulton	2,160	540	1,891
Montgomery	2,566	642	1,603
Rensselaer	3,454	864	3,584
Saratoga	4,343	1,086	3,128
Schenectady	3,229	807	3,660
Schoharie	928	232	730
Washington	2,107	527	1,480
Capital Region Total	22,484	6,148	22,546

There are **24,813 Central New York** seniors enrolled in New York’s well regarded EPIC program, **6,203** of whom will be transitioned to Medicare Part D. **21,044 Central New York** seniors eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid may lose access to certain drugs if emergency coverage is not extended.

County	EPIC Enrollees	Estimated EPIC Enrollees Moving To Medicare	Dual Eligible Medicare/Medicaid
Cortland	1,553	388	1,270
Madison	2,244	561	1,464
Oneida	7,894	1,974	7,091
Onondaga	11,111	2,778	9,713
Oswego	2,011	503	1,506
Central New York Totals	24,813	6,203	21,044

There are **43,070 Hudson Valley** seniors enrolled in New York’s well regarded EPIC program, **10,768** of whom will be transitioned to Medicare Part D. **45,424 Hudson Valley** seniors eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid may lose access to certain drugs if emergency coverage is not extended.

County	EPIC Enrollees	Estimated EPIC Enrollees Moving To Medicare	Dual Eligible Medicare/Medicaid
Columbia	2,043	511	1,511
Dutchess	4,948	1,237	4,971
Greene	1,653	413	1,122
Orange	6,454	1,614	6,312
Putnam	1,727	432	1,091
Rockland	4,649	1,162	5,238
Sullivan	2,062	516	2,282
Ulster	4,359	1,090	4,469
Westchester	15,175	3,794	18,428
Hudson Valley Totals	43,070	10,768	45,424

There are **17,391 North Country** seniors enrolled in New York's well regarded EPIC program, **4,348** of whom will be transitioned to Medicare Part D. **15,303 North Country** seniors eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid may lose access to certain drugs if emergency coverage is not extended.

County	EPIC Enrollees	Estimated EPIC Enrollees Moving To Medicare	Dual Eligible Medicare/Medicaid
Clinton	2,238	560	2,423
Essex	1,104	276	1,082
Franklin	1,520	380	1,576
Hamilton	166	42	103
Herkimer	2,766	692	1,878
Jefferson	3,377	844	2,630
Lewis	1,065	266	670
St. Lawrence	3,122	781	3,278
Warren	2,033	508	1,663
North Country Totals	17,391	4,348	15,303

There are **30,006 Rochester/Finger Lakes** seniors enrolled in New York's well regarded EPIC program, **7,502** of whom will be transitioned to Medicare Part D. **22,558 Rochester/Finger Lakes** seniors eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid may lose access to certain drugs if emergency coverage is not extended.

County	EPIC Enrollees	Estimated EPIC Enrollees Moving To Medicare	Dual Eligible Medicare/Medicaid
Cayuga	2,360	590	1,864
Livingston	1,879	470	1,001
Monroe	15,591	799	1,882
Ontario	3,194	140	471
Schuyler	561	221	728
Seneca	884	365	1,525
Tompkins	1,460	770	1,665
Wayne	3,079	250	552
Yates	998	3,898	15,870
Rochester / Finger Lakes Totals	30,006	7,502	25,558

There are **22,832 Southern Tier** seniors enrolled in New York’s well regarded EPIC program, **7,502** of whom will be transitioned to Medicare Part D. **17,507 Southern Tier** seniors eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid may lose access to certain drugs if emergency coverage is not extended.

County	EPIC Enrollees	Estimated EPIC Enrollees Moving To Medicare	Dual Eligible Medicare/Medicaid
Allegany	1,475	369	1,241
Broome	6,385	1,596	4,833
Chemung	2,834	709	2,574
Chenango	2,060	515	1,482
Delaware	2,057	514	1,257
Otsego	3,951	988	2,568
Steuben	2,689	672	2,546
Tioga	1,381	345	1,006
Southern Tier totals	22,832	5,708	17,507

There are **52,305 Western New York** seniors enrolled in New York’s well regarded EPIC program, **7,502** of whom will be transitioned to Medicare Part D. **35,799 Western New York** seniors eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid may lose access to certain drugs if emergency coverage is not extended.

County	EPIC Enrollees	Estimated EPIC Enrollees Moving To Medicare	Dual Eligible Medicare/Medicaid
Cattaraugus	3,411	853	2,183
Chautauqua	6,531	1,633	3,751
Erie	30,649	7,662	22,177
Genesee	2,378	595	1,247
Niagara	6,575	1,644	4,815
Orleans	1,171	293	941
Wyoming	1,590	398	685
Western NY Totals	52,305	13,076	35,799

**Data from the Department of Health and Human Services and New York State. Estimated EPIC enrollees moving to Medicare based on 1/4 of EPIC enrollment in the county