

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

NY STATEWIDE SENIOR ACTION COUNCIL

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DEADLINES FOR VOTING IN THE NOVEMBER 7 ELECTION

- Saturday, October 28 through Sunday, November 5, 2023: Early Voting.
- November 6: Last day to apply in person for absentee ballot
- November 7: ELECTION DAY. Last day to postmark ballot or deliver ballot in-person the local board of elections or any poll site in your county.

COMMENTS DUE 11/6 ON PROPOSED FEDERAL NURSING HOME STAFFING REGULATIONS. RAISE YOUR VOICE, TELL YOUR STORY!

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a proposed rule establishing a minimum staffing standard in nursing homes that is less than research finds equals quality of care. It does not go far enough to protect nursing home residents.

It is important that CMS hears from YOU that this rule needs to be stronger, implemented quicker and stop facilities from getting a waiver from compliance.

There are some positives in the proposal, including requiring every nursing home to have a registered nurse on staff twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, updated requirements on facility assessments, and provisions on how Medicaid dollars are spent on nursing home care.

If you have had experience yourself or as a caregiver or visitor, now is the time to tell your story about the need for better staffing levels than in the proposal. We must insist on 4.1 hours of care per day, with .75 of those hours provided by an RN, the amount and type of care that research finds makes the difference.

Our colleagues at The Consumer Voice created a guide to help: [How to Comment](#)
Comments are due by November 6, 2023. [Submit your comments here](#)

UPCOMING TEACH IN

Topic: Successful Prosecution of Healthcare Fraud in NYS

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 Time: 10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Speakers: Christopher R. Moran, Assistant United States District Attorney, Northern District of NY and Emily Auletta, Assistant United States Attorney, NYS Attorney General's Office Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

REGISTER: To connect via phone: 646-558-8656, Webinar ID: 822 0594 4088 #

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STATEWIDE IN THE NEWS

[Common Medicare Scams And How To Avoid Them – Forbes Health](#)

[Watch out for Medicare scams | The River Reporter](#)

[Medicare beneficiaries face unwanted COVID-19 test fraud! | Miami Herald](#)



Fort Covington woman honored by NY Statewide Senior Action Council | NorthCountryNow

Photo, pictured L to R:

- Maria Alvarez, Executive Director, StateWide
- Barb McBurnie, President, North Country Chapter of StateWide
- Susan Schrader, Award Recipient, Paul E Harenberg Award
- Helen Edelstein, Executive Board President, StateWide

CHANGING MEDICARE PLANS?

WATCH OUT FOR
PHONE SCAMS



Agents can't threaten to take away your benefits if you don't sign up for a plan. They also can't offer you gifts if you agree to sign up. If you think you have been a victim of a scam, call the NYS Senior Medicare Patrol at 800-333-4374.

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**MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT
OCT 15 TO DEC 7**

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OUR MEMBERS ARE PART OF OUR STRENGTH

By joining StateWide, you can have an impact on state and federal issues of importance to older New Yorkers. You can also help spur your peers to become more knowledgeable about issues including Medicare, Medicare Fraud, Social Security, prescription drugs, long-term care, patient's rights and NYS budget issues. Please fill out the [Membership Form](#) and join StateWide today! If you have any questions, call our Helpline at 800-333-4374.

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