

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Connecticut Legal Assistance..... 1-800-413-7796
- Consumer Protection..... 1-800-842-2649
- Unclaimed Property Hotline 1-800-833-7318
- CT Tax Department 1-860-297-5962
- Veterans' Benefits and Information ... 1-800-827-1000
- ConnPACE..... 1-800-423-5026
- Medicare Hotline..... 1-800-633-4227
- CT Partnership for Long-Term Care... 1-800-547-3443
- Infoline 211
- CT Department of Veterans Affairs.... 1-800-550-0000
- CHOICES 1-800-944-9422
- Healthcare Advocate1-866-HMO-4446
- DSS Elder Services 1-866-218-6631
- Dept. of Insurance Consumer Affairs 1-800-203-3447
- Manchester Senior Center.....860-647-3211
- Manchester Community Health Services
- Medical Services860-646-8117
- Dental Services.....860-646-4678

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**Family Health
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Senior Driving Insurance Discount

Drivers aged 60 and up are now eligible for an automobile insurance policy premium discount after successfully completing a Department of Motor Vehicles approved accident prevention course. It is a great opportunity to stay safe and save money. For more information, contact the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Connecticut Homecare Option Program

To enable more seniors to live at home and delay the need for costly nursing home care, we have created the Connecticut Homecare Option Program. This program allows participants to make deposits into a Homecare Trust Fund account. Interest earned on fund accounts will be exempt from state income tax. The participant or a designated beneficiary can later withdraw funds to pay for qualified home care expenses. Any unspent account funds will become part of a beneficiary's estate when he or she dies.

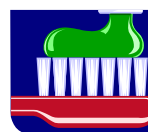
Additionally, to help encourage home care options, seniors can now hire their own personal care assistance attendants directly instead of going through a home health care agency.



Comprehensive Health and Dental Care Now Available

Comprehensive, high quality health and dental services can be obtained at the Manchester Community Health Services, a satellite of East Hartford Community HealthCare, Inc., located at 150 North Main Street, Manchester, without discrimination as to age, sex, race, national origin, creed, political affiliation or ability to pay. HUSKY, Medicaid, Medicare and some private insurance is accepted. If you have no insurance or little insurance, there is a sliding fee schedule based on family size and income.

Medical: Suite 230 - Telephone 860-646-8117
Hours: Monday – Friday – 8 am – 4:30 pm



Dental: Suite 240 - Telephone 860-646-4678
Hours: Monday – Thursday - 7 am – 7 pm
Friday – 8 am – 4:30 pm.



Free Lead Poisoning Screening

Beginning in January 2009, all Connecticut children between the ages of 9 and 35 months old become eligible for free, annual screenings for lead poisoning under Public Act 07-47, which the General Assembly adopted this spring. The screenings will be done by primary care providers, such as doctors and advanced-practice registered nurses. The legislation also lowers the threshold for intervention by local health directors. Currently, if a doctor finds lead poisoning of 20 micrograms per deciliter or more in a child, the doctor must notify the local health department that an inspection of the child's home is needed. The new law lowers the threshold to 15 micrograms per deciliter.

Administration of the Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines

To help prevent the spread of flu or pneumonia, we have worked to increase access to vaccinations. Nurses employed by licensed home healthcare or homemaker-home health agencies can now provide these vaccines to patients in their homes without obtaining a physician's order for each shot. Trained nurses have been running flu clinics outside the home for years, and this new law makes it easier for these professionals to keep us healthy.

