

# May Long Term Care

Spring is coming, whether we like it or not! Have a margarita on Cinco de Mayo if it's not here by then

We're also looking forward to Mother's Day and the official start of summer, Memorial Day, so holidays are in order

## Carrier News

- **Genworth** has announced that the Care Scout Quality Network is now fully operational in all 50 states and DC. Good news for NY policyholders, as the purpose of this organization is to refer discount providers for home and community care when a claim is filed. Eligible policyholders have been notified, and communication paperwork should be filed with the policy, just for reference.

**Genworth and Care Scout** are also sponsoring "The Conversation" series, webinars featuring leaders, advocates and policymakers from across the long-term care ecosystem to discuss how we can make meaningful progress towards alleviating our country's long-term care financing challenges. The first such virtual conversation will take place on May 7, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, and can be accessed at the following url:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainable-solutions-future-of-long-term-care-financing-tickets-1316573158759?aff=pddtdtcreator>. Admission tickets are free, and if it gets too wonky you can always exit!

Under the category of NY State legislation, it would appear that the Long-Term Care Trust Program has died in committee once again. Depending on your perspective, legislators are kicking the can down the road once again, or we're dodging a bullet. Either way, employees and their employers are off the hook for now. This is the program that is designed to mandate some long term care benefit, in return for a definite payroll deduction, like it or not – unless you already have coverage.

## Meetings, Associations, CE Opportunities

- May 3 -- Lifespan is offering "Pre-Retirement Saturday," from 9am to Noon. A free overview of what you need to know about Social Security and Medicare. Registration is required, go to [www.LifespanRochester.org](http://www.LifespanRochester.org) and click on the "Events/Classes" tab.
- May 6 -- Another opportunity from Lifespan, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, at the Marriott Albany. A program hosted by the Upstate Elder Abuse Center at Lifespan, designed for professionals, addressing the increasing issue of scams targeting older adults. The cost is \$50, space is limited, and expert speakers (so far un-named) will be featured.
- May 14 – FPA of Greater Rochester hosts "Understanding Social Security and Medicare" presented by Karen Ireland of MFS Investment Management. 7:45 registration with "light breakfast buffet," at St John Fisher – please note the change of venue. CE credits for CFP, no CE for NY State Insurance. Contact [rocfpaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:rocfpaoffice@gmail.com) for information and registration.

- June 10 – the Big I of Greater Rochester hosts their Annual Golf Tournament at Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor. For information on sponsorship opportunities and program details, reach out to [www.BigIROC.com](http://www.BigIROC.com).
- June 18 – the FPA Central NY chapter is holding their annual event at the Lodge in Skaneateles, 11:00 am to 4:45 pm, followed by a happy hour -- cost \$75. Life transition expert Amy Florian and college planning guru Joseph Messinger are featured speakers. Contact Jennifer Spagnola at [admin@fpacny.org](mailto:admin@fpacny.org) for registration and other details.

#### **Media** (PDF's on request)

- Longevity has its Price from the Rochester Business Journal
- Memory Lane Games, the dementia and Alzheimer's app shown to make a difference – Google it
- When Elderly Parents Become their Child's Caregiver, Wall Street Journal

Not much else lately in the media, seems like tariffs suck the oxygen

Short newsletter, and off for summer break! Time to work on the golf game, the tan lines, yardwork and just kicking back a little! A good opportunity to touch base with snowbirds too, always ask whether they've figured out who will take care of them if/when they need elder care, and who's going to pay for it!

May the Fourth be with you.

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