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Long Term Care Council To Hold Informational Session

The Long Term Care Council will hold an informational session on Monday, September 17, 2007, at 4:00 PM at the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York, regarding Ulster County NY Connects.

The increasing need for long term care services, due to the impending dramatic shift of individuals over the age of 60, in addition to the number of disabled adults and children, demands innovative policy and programs. Currently, long term care services are administered by multiple agencies and providers and are supported by numerous funding steams. Navigating the long term care system in order to access needed services is complex, fragmented and difficult not only for persons who qualify for publicly funded support but also for those who pay privately. To respond to these inadequacies and address the need for coordination of long term care service availability, the New York State Office for the Aging and the New York Department of Health have established local Point of Entry systems, or NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care, in counties across the state.

The Informational Session will provide long term care options and linkages to services for individuals of all ages with long term care needs. The public and "care providers" are welcome.

For more information, please call the Ulster County Office for the Aging at 340-3456 or toll free 1-877-914-3456.