

STATEWIDE’S 2026 CONVENTION – SECURING OUR FUTURE

MON 10/12

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	REGISTRATION & WELCOME
3:00 PM	CONVENTION Welcome from President Voting for Board Officers Welcome from Hon. John F. Safford, Mayor, Saratoga Springs Oath of Office President opening remarks Executive Director report
5:30 PM	HAPPY HOUR – HOTEL RESTAURANT Meet friends old and new Dinner on your own
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	OPTIONS • Karaoke (light refreshments) • Casino (Transportation provided) • Documentary & Discussion: (light refreshments) Wine Women & Dementia. Seeking healing and comfort in community, a dementia caregiver road trips the U.S. to swap caregiver stories of love, humor, and devotion with other family caregivers. • Enjoy and Explore dining and shopping in downtown Saratoga just a few steps away.

TUE 10/13

8:30 AM	BREAKFAST Overnight guests eat breakfast in hotel restaurant.
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGETING Can We Secure Funding for Services Future Older Adults Will Need? Speaker: Ron Deutsch, New Yorkers for Fiscal Fairness
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM	CRYPTOCURRENCY How does it affect your wallet, your future economic security & community resources. Speakers: • Miguel Rivera, Assistant Vice President Fraud Manager, Ponce Bank • Yvonne Taylor, Co-Founder/Vice President, Seneca Lake Guardian and President, The National Coalition Against Cryptomining
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	MEDICARE & EPIC UPDATES Speaker: Sarah Askew, StateWide Outreach Counselor

TUE 10/13

11:30 AM - NOON	WELCOME REMARKS NYS Attorney General Letitia James NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH Guest Speaker: NY Senate Aging Committee Chair Cordell Cleare
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	EXHIBIT HALL
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	CHOICE OF BREAKOUT SESSION 1 OR 2: <i>1. Patient Rights and Services – in Your Home or the Nursing Home</i> Speakers: • Claudette Royal, NYS LTC Ombudsman • Andrea Fettingner, Director, Fulton County Office for Aging <i>2. What’s Ahead for Medicaid</i> Speaker: Lara Kassel, Medicaid Matters
3:10 PM - 4:10 PM	CHOICE OF BREAKOUT SESSION 3 OR 4: <i>3. Securing a Funeral Plan That Meets Your Future Needs</i> Speakers: • Randy McCullough, NYS Funeral Directors Association (NYSFDA), Director of Government Affairs • Melissa Sargalis, Director, NYSFDA Preneed Trust Services <i>4. NYS SMP Meeting (Open to all, mandatory for all SMP volunteers)</i> Speaker: Tiffany Erhard, NYS SMP Director
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM	AFTERNOON OPTIONS • Legislative Issues Town Hall Meeting • Guided Walking Tour of Congress Park • Explore downtown Saratoga Springs on your own
6:30 PM	AWARDS GALA

WED 10/14

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST Overnight guests eat breakfast in hotel restaurant.
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	TAKING IT HOME
9:30 AM	ADOPTION OF THE 2027 STATE AND FEDERAL PRIORITIES (MEMBERS ONLY)
11:00 AM	CLOSING REMARKS • Boxed lunch to go