

THE ALLIANCE FOR BETTER LONG TERM CARE

The Alliance for Better Long Term Care, 422 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02888, advocates, mediates, and helps to solve problems for residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and those receiving home care or hospice services. The state ombudsman is also responsible for investigating complaints of inadequate care and abuse suffered by elders and adults with disabilities who are using long-term care services. All reports of abuse and neglect are confidential. You may contact our Social Worker, Cheryl Sadler, at 231-0742 x104 for more information; or call the Alliance directly at 785-3340. (www.alliancebltc.com)

NEW ENGLAND PENSION ASSISTANCE PROJECT (NEPAP)

Do you have questions about your pension, 401K or other retirement plan? The New England Pension Assistance Project (NEPAP), affiliated with the Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts, offers free pension counseling services to Rhode Islanders to help them find lost pensions, correct pension errors and answer questions about pension laws. This service can include tracing pension benefits from companies that have merged or have gone bankrupt, researching and filing for spousal or survivors' benefits, and answering pension eligibility questions.

You are eligible to receive NEPAP counseling if you live and work in New England, or if you lived and worked in the six-state area while earning a pension; if the company or pension plan is headquartered or has operations in New England; or had operations in the region when the pension was earned. For more information about NEPAP the telephone number is 1-888-425-6067 or you may log on to [www.pensionhelp.org/New England](http://www.pensionhelp.org/New%20England).

A NOTICE FOR TAX PREPARERS AND TAXPAYERS FILING SEASON 2015 CHANGES ENACTED FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

The Rhode Island Division of taxation wants you to know about important changes to the statewide property tax-relief program (Form RI-1040H) for the 2015 filing season. The maximum credit is now \$305, an increase of \$5. **Also, you are eligible for the credit only if:**

You are 65 or older, or

You are receiving Social Security Disability Benefits, also called SSDI, or Supplemental Security Income Benefits, also called SSI.

People who are younger than 65 and not disabled no longer qualify. But they may be eligible for the state earned income credit.

Those who are eligible for the property relief credit must meet various requirements, including the \$30,000 household income limitation.