



Tax Season is among us and many of our clients are not aware that they are entitled to claim tax credits. HOPE social workers can assist our clients in completing the NYC-210 Claim for New York City School Tax Credit form and the IT-214 New York Real Property Tax Credit for Homeowners and Renters form if they qualify. It is not necessary to file taxes to claim this credit.

Did you know that you can file for past years? If you qualify, you can file up to three years going back.

FIDA

Beginning April 2015, New York City and Nassau County residents who are dual eligible (i.e. have both Medicare and Medicaid and are in a MLTC plan – Managed long Term Care plan) will be passively enrolled into the new Fully-Integrated Dual Advantage program (FIDA). This new program will consolidate an individual's Medicare and Medicaid cards and services, where the individual will seek services from healthcare professionals within a designated plan. If you are comfortable and content with your current services and plan, and do not want to change, you must call 1(855) 600 – 3432 to “opt-out,” otherwise, you will be automatically enrolled in April 2015. If you do decide to call and “opt-out,” you may in the future change your mind and decide to enroll in FIDA by calling the same number.