

Deborah M. Breslin

For the past 13 years Deborah Breslin has been with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services as the Program Director of New Jersey's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) - a program that provides free, unbiased information and assistance to people with Medicare. She sat on the National SHIP Steering Committee for two (2) years and was its Chairwoman between June 2006 and June 2007.

In 2003, Ms. Breslin received a Beneficiary Services Certificate of Merit from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. In 2006, the New Jersey SHIP, under Ms. Breslin's direction, received the New Jersey State Public Service Award for Teamwork/Partnership.

Prior to joining the Department of Health and Senior Services, Ms. Breslin was the Director of the Senior Health Insurance Unit, and the Director of Training for SHIP within the New Jersey Department of Insurance for nine years. She was the author of that department's buyer's guides on Medicare supplement and Long-Term Care insurance.

Ms. Breslin began her career in New Jersey state government as an Ombudswoman in the Office of Citizen Information and Complaints with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles.

Ms. Breslin is a graduate of the College of New Jersey with a B.S. in Special Education for the Handicapped. She taught developmentally disabled children for 10 years