Due to adultBasic canceling, there are a number of health care options that adultBasic enrollees should explore immediately. If employer-based group coverage is available to you, and you have a pre-existing condition, we urge you to explore that option now, so that you get coverage before May 2, 2011.

**Medical Assistance:**
You may apply for health care coverage at www.compass.state.pa.us to see if you qualify for Medical Assistance (MA). If your circumstances have changed since enrolling in adultBasic - for example, if you've become disabled, turned 65, or your income has decreased - you may qualify for MA. To learn more, go to www.compass.state.pa.us and click on “Do I Qualify?” to find out if you may be eligible or call the PA DPW Helpline at 1-800-692-7462.

**Medicare:**
If you have turned 65, are disabled or meet other eligibility requirements, you may qualify for Medicare. For more information, go to: http://www.ssa.gov/medicareonly/ If you do not wish to apply online you may make an appointment by calling 1-800-772-1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call the “TTY” number, 1-800-325-0778, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on business days.

**SpecialCare Health Insurance:**
Pennsylvania’s Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans offer SpecialCare, a subsidized health insurance plan for individuals and families. Eligibility for SpecialCare is similar to that for adultBasic. SpecialCare differs from adultBasic both in the level of benefits and the cost. To simplify the transition from adultBasic to SpecialCare, the Blue plans have agreed to waive pre-existing condition exclusions for adultBasic members who enroll directly into SpecialCare by May 2, 2011.

SpecialCare offers hospitalization and health care benefits that are more limited than the adultBasic benefit package. If you would like more details on what is covered by SpecialCare System, please contact the Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan that provides services in your county.

**Employer-based Coverage:**
You may have the option to select coverage provided through your employer, or another family member’s employer if applicable. In many cases, an employer subsidizes the cost of such coverage. If employer-based group coverage is available to you, and you have a pre-existing condition, we urge you to explore that option now, so that you get coverage before May 2, 2011.

**PA Fair Care:**
PA Fair Care is Pennsylvania’s health insurance program for uninsured people with pre-existing medical conditions. To be eligible, the federal Affordable Care Act says you must be uninsured for six months and have a pre-existing condition. This means you would be eligible for PA Fair Care in September if you are not covered by health insurance for the six months between February 28 (when adultBasic ended) and September 1, 2011. For information of PA Fair Care visit www.PAFairCare.com or call 1-888-767-7015.

**Community Health Centers:**
There are approximately 200 community health centers across the state that provide free or low-cost comprehensive, high quality medical health care for all ages on an ability-to-pay basis. In some locations, a full range of services such as dental care and prescription drugs may be available. Services may be free or low-cost, based on your household income. To find the health centers nearest you, call the PA Association of Community Health Centers, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1-866-944-CARE (2273), or go to http://www.pachc.com/health_find.html for a list of Pennsylvania health centers.

**Financial Assistance with Hospital Bills:**
Most hospitals offer financial assistance for uninsured patients who need treatment but cannot afford to pay their bills. Patients who qualify will have their bills reduced or eliminated. If you have hospital bills that you cannot afford to pay, call the hospital’s billing department and ask how you may apply for financial assistance. For those people who lost adultBasic insurance, and those who may be interested in any of the insurance policies listed here, contact Polish American Social Services at 215-923-1900 and information will be mailed to you.

**Attention Employers!**
People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will alert job seekers of Job Openings that have been reported.

If your place of employment is about to or has posted an employment opportunity, kindly let PASS know. Call Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. (215) 923-1900, or send the job information to: Polish American Social Services 308 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, Attn: Employment Information.

Kindly include qualifications needed, starting salary and where to go for an application and interview.