

Polish American Social Services "PASS"

Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Program July 3, 2008

On June 30, 2008, President Bush signed into law P.L. 110-252, the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008, that provides for up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment compensation benefits, known as Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC).

General Provisions of the EUC Program

1. The first week of EUC that may be paid is the week ending July 12, 2008.
2. To be eligible for EUC, a claimant must meet the following requirements:
 - The claimant had a regular UC claim with a benefit year that ended on or after May 1, 2007, OR, the claimant currently has a regular UC claim on which the claimant received the maximum amount of benefits.
 - The claimant is ineligible for regular UC from Pennsylvania, any other state, the federal government or Canada.
 - The total amount of wages in the claimant's base year is equal to or greater than 1½ times the amount of wages in claimant's highest quarter of the base year.
 - The claimant is totally or partially unemployed.
 - The claimant is legally authorized to work in the United States.
3. The EUC weekly benefit amount is the same as the regular UC weekly benefit amount payable for a week of total unemployment.
4. A claimant's EUC maximum amount is 13 times his or her weekly benefit amount if the claimant qualified for 26 times the weekly benefit amount on the claimant's regular UC claim. The EUC maximum amount is 8 times the claimant's weekly benefit amount if the claimant qualified for 16 times the weekly benefit amount on the regular UC claim.
5. The eligibility provisions of the Pennsylvania UC Law also apply to eligibility for EUC benefits.
6. EUC Phase-out - A claimant may not begin to receive EUC later than the week ending March 28, 2009. The last week of EUC that can be paid is the week ending July 4, 2009.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FACT SHEETS FOR OLDER ADULTS AND CAREGIVERS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a series of fact sheets intended for older adults and their caregivers which address common chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease that can be made worse by exposure to environmental factors such as air pollution, pesticides, cleaning solutions and excessive heat. These fact sheets are now available in the Polish language as well as fourteen other languages.

The titles of current fact sheets are: Diabetes and Environmental Hazards, Women and Environmental Health, Effective Control of Household Pests, Environmental Hazards Weigh Heavy on the Heart, Planning for Excessive Heat Events, Water Works, and Age Healthier Breathe Easier.

To receive a copy of these fact sheets in either the English or Polish languages, contact PASS at (215) 923-1900, or you can get them directly from the EPA from their website at:

www.epa.gov/aging/resources/factsheets/order.htm

Announcing the Pennsylvania Adult Autism Waiver Program

What is Autism Waiver?

The Autism Waiver is a statewide program of services designed specifically to meet the needs and profile of people 21 years of age and older with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the Autism Waiver, individuals need to:

- Have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Be 21 years of age or older at time of application
- Live in Pennsylvania
- Meet financial and functional eligibility

How can I get more information?

To find more information about eligibility and what services are covered, go to www.autisminpa.org.

How do I apply?

To apply call 1-866-539-7689, leave a message with your current contact information, and a Bureau of Autism Services representative will return your phone call.

Property Tax Rent Rebate Program Extended to December 31, 2008!

For seniors, widows and widowers, or disabled persons whose annual income is below \$15,000 for renters, and \$35,000 for homeowners, it's not too late to get a rebate on the real estate taxes or rent that you paid in 2007.

REMEMBER THAT ONLY HALF OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI INCOME IS COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PROGRAM!

Don't wait till the end of the year to apply. To find out if you qualify for this program, or if you need help in filling out the application or would like an application, please call PASS at (215) 923-1900. **You can get back as much as \$650.**



Summer Air Conditioning Bills Around the Corner PECO Offers CAP Program

With the summer heating up, high electric bills from running the air conditioner are replacing the high heating bills from the winter. PECO Energy offers a discount on the price of kilowatts to low income customers with the CAP Program. What's even better, if there is a previous balance on your bill, PECO may forgive it if you pay the new agreement for six months. This CAP Program may also prevent a shut-off of your electric service.

To qualify, household income must be:

Number in Household	Approximate Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$1,225	\$14,700
2	\$1,650	\$19,800
3	\$2,075	\$24,900
4	\$2,500	\$30,000

For each additional person add: \$425 \$5,100

Customers are asked to call PECO at 1-800-774-7040 or they can call PASS for more information at 215-923-1900.

Job Seeker and Job Training Outreach

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Do You Have A Resume?

PASS encourages job-seeking clients to prepare an outline of their work experience, or a resume, before they apply for any type of employment. A written resume helps job seekers present their job qualifications to a prospective employer. A PASS staff associate can review your current resume, update it, or develop a new one with you to prepare you for your job interview.

This service is available at the office of Polish American Social Services, 308 Walnut Street in Center City Philadelphia. Call to make an appointment for this free service at (215) 923-1900.

Attention Employers!

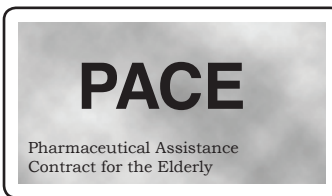
PASS will be pleased to alert job seekers of **Job Openings** that have been reported to us.

If your business or organization is about to or has posted a position, kindly let PASS know about that opening. Call Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. (215) 923-1900, or send the job information to:

**Attn: Employment Information
Polish American Social Services
308 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106**

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

Don't Forget About PACE & PACENET



Don't forget that PACE & PACENET is available to assist senior citizens in Pennsylvania with their prescription drug costs, even if they have a Medicare Part D plan in place. To qualify for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly program, seniors must be 65 years of age or older. For single seniors, last year's income must be \$14,500 or less and \$17,700 for a married couple. Copays for meds are only \$6.00 for generic drugs and \$9.00 for brand name drugs. For PACENET, another tier of the PACE program, single seniors income must be \$23,500 or less and for married couples, \$31,500 or less. Copays are \$8.00 for generic drugs and \$15.00 for brand name drugs. With PACENET there is a deductible or premium, but it is lower than the \$40 per month deductible that PACENET had in the past. For more information and assistance with an application, please call Polish American Social Services at (215) 923-1900. The agency can answer your questions and help you complete an application.

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