

Polish American Social Services "PASS"

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Polish American Social Services "PASS" United Social Services Outreach Program

Main Office:

308 Walnut Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106
Open Monday to Friday • 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Telephone: (215) 923-1900

Outreach Services in and around the Philadelphia area

If you, a family member, or friend have a question concerning social services, call PASS and discuss your needs with a representative. All calls are CONFIDENTIAL, and PASS will either give you the information you need, handle your service directly, or refer you to the proper agency that can assist you.

Clients wishing to visit the main office at 308 Walnut Street, or one of the outreach sites, are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can tell you what documentation you will need to bring with you to process your request.

You can view an outline of several programs available to senior citizens and individuals of all ages on the PASS Internet site at PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

For additional information, call PASS, Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

LIHEAP Fuel Rebate Program



As in previous years, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), also known as the Fuel Rebate Program, began on November 6, 2006 and is scheduled to end March 22, 2007. Those who have applied in previous years should be receiving applications in the mail.

For those who are not familiar with the program, there is no age restriction to apply. The household income must be within the following guidelines:

| 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 |

Please do not wait until the last minute!

For more information on filing requirements or to get an application when they become available, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Attention: Tri-State Polonia

There has been a tremendous amount of interest regarding health care decisions and advance directives, also known as "living wills." In order to update our Tri-State Polonia members from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware about this topic, information has been placed on the internet site of **Polish American Social Services**. There are links with information about the "living will" or advance directive, a document which is intended to:

1. Give instructions about your own medical care.
2. Name an agent to make health care decisions for you if you become incapable of making your own decisions.

This information is beneficial to people of all ages and will help you understand the importance of having this document prepared now and readily available when needed.

Visit the Internet site of Polish American Social Services at: **PolishAmericanSocialServices.com**. The living will/advance directive is on the front page. For more information call PASS (215) 923-1900.

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Medicare Prescription Drug Program December 2006 Update

According to Medicare, there are still many qualified people who have not signed up for the **Medicare Part D** program. The staff of Polish American Social Services would like to remind seniors and those on disability with Medicare benefits who have not signed up for a Medicare D approved prescription drug plan to sign up between **November 15th and December 31st, 2006** to avoid further penalties.



Also, any senior or anyone on disability with Medicare who is not pleased with their current plan because of premiums, copays, the donut hole or drugs not covered on formularies, is allowed to make a change before **December 31st**.

At this time, if you have any questions about the Medicare Prescription Drug Program, also known as Part D, contact **Polish American Social Services**.

Pennsylvania residents are reminded that the **PACE/PACENET** programs continue to be available to senior citizens. **PACE and PACENET** are both considered creditable coverage plans and both programs are still enrolling seniors. Due to changes in these programs, they are now sometimes referred to as **PACE PLUS**.

For additional information about **Medicare Part D, PACE PLUS** or other social service programs for people of all ages, call **Polish American Social Services**, Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at area code (215) 923-1900.

Last Chance for 2005! Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Real Estate Taxes/Rent Rebate Program for year 2005 is closing on December 31, 2006. Get back as much as \$500 on last year's real estate taxes or rent and put it towards this year's taxes or rent. Income limit is \$15,000 annually to qualify. It is important to know that only half of your Social Security or SSI counts toward the income guideline.



Four different age categories are eligible.

- 1) 65 years or older
- 2) individuals living with a spouse who is 65 years old or older
- 3) a widow or widower between the ages of 50 to 64
- 4) 100% permanently disabled individuals between the ages of 18 and 64

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PROPERTY TAX RENT REBATE PROGRAM EXPANDED FOR 2006

If you are a homeowner and your income falls within the income guideline listed below, you could be eligible for a rebate on real estate taxes that you paid in 2006.

ONLY COUNT HALF OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI!

For more information or to get on the mailing list so you can receive an application in 2007, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Income Limits and Rebates for Expanded Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program

| Income (Minus 50% of Social Security Income) | Rebate |
|--|--------|
| \$8,000 or less | \$650 |
| \$8001-\$15,000 | \$500 |
| \$15,001-\$18,000 | \$300 |
| \$18,001-\$35,000 | \$250 |