

Polish American Social Services "PASS"

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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.

Medications and Prescription Plans

PACE PLUS is a new name being used for the PACE / PACENET PROGRAMS, The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly. The new name reflects how this program works with Medicare Part D. It can provide better coverage for those that have both PACE/NET and Medicare D. This program has two qualifying income categories that helps pay for prescription drugs. Seniors, age 65 or older with incomes as follows: for PACE, a single person \$14,500; a couple \$17,700. For PACENET, a single person between \$14,500 and \$23,500 or a couple between \$17,700 and \$31,500. For more info and to get an application call PASS (215) 923-1900.



The Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program Clearinghouse

This program works with Pharma (Pharmaceutical Manufacturers) to get prescription drugs for those unable to pay. Income guidelines approximate \$20,000 for a single person, \$25,000 for a married couple and \$30,000 for an adult and two or more dependents. Call 1-800-955-0989.

Medical Services / Insurance

Philadelphia Health Centers - There are nine health centers located throughout Philadelphia. Services are free to Philadelphia residents. For a list of centers with hours of operation call PASS at 215-923-1900.

Health Link Medical Center in Upper Southampton will provide free medical and dental services for working individuals living in Bucks and Montgomery Counties. Income guidelines apply. Patients are seen **by appointment only**. Call **Health Link** directly at (215) 364-4247.

CHIP and Cover All Kids
The Children's Health Insurance Program and its now expanded guidelines under Cover all Kids, allows children and teens affordable comprehensive health care coverage. No family makes too much money to participate in this coverage. For more information call PASS (215) 923-1900.



Edmund G. Rossick, Governor

Adult Basic and **Special Care** are special medical insurance programs for people who do not have medical insurance. The programs are offered in Philadelphia and surrounding counties. For more information call the Caring Foundation at 1-800-464-5437 or www.caringfoundation.com or PASS at (215) 923-1900.

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2008 State of Pennsylvania Property Tax Rent Rebate Program

When will applications for the 2008 Property Tax Rent Rebate Program be available?

Applications will be mailed by the program to those who applied in previous years beginning in February. Applications should also be available to the general public in mid-February.



If it's 2009, why is the program called the 2008 Property Tax Rent Rebate Program?

This rebate program is a "look back" program. This means that to calculate a rebate, the program must look back at property taxes or rent the household paid out during 2008. Also to calculate the rebate, the program must look back at the income received during 2007 to calculate the amount of the rebate.

Who is eligible for a rebate?

There are many different individuals that may qualify for a rebate. They must fall into one of the categories below and meet certain income guidelines.

- A person or their spouse that is 65 years of age or older, or
- Widows or widowers 50 years of age or older, or
- Permanently DISABLED individuals 18 years of age or older.

What are the income guidelines and how much of a rebate is expected?

For Homeowners :		Income Range	Rebate Amount
\$ 0	-	\$8,000	\$650
\$8,001	-	\$15,000	\$500
\$15,001	-	\$18,000	\$300
\$18,001	-	\$35,000	\$250
For Renters:		Income Range	Rebate Amount
\$ 0	-	\$8,000	\$650
\$8,001	-	\$15,000	\$500

IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DO NOT COUNT ONE- HALF OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AND RAILROAD RETIREMENT TIER 1 BENEFITS WHEN CALCULATING ELIGIBILITY INCOME.

For example, if your gross Social Security income for 2007 was \$20,000, the Property Tax Rent Rebate Program would count only \$10,000 toward eligibility requirements. All other income such as salary, IRA payouts, pensions, dividends or interest is counted at 100%.

Do I ever have to repay this rebate or will a lien be placed on the property?

No. Absolutely NOT! No Lien is placed on the property nor does the rebate have to be repaid. Furthermore the rebate is not considered as income for any other program.

Who do I call if I have questions or how can I get an application?

For more information, to get an application or to get help completing the application call Polish American Social Services at (215) 923-1900.

For the 2008 Income Tax Season Consider the EARNED INCOME CREDIT and the CHILD TAX CREDIT

Working people who earn low or moderate incomes (Approximately \$38,000) are urged to look into the **Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC)** and the **Child Tax Credit (CTC)** this tax season. In some instances these tax credits can be refunded to individuals even if they owe no income tax.

Take a moment to talk to your tax preparer about these credits and if you do not have the means to hire a preparer, there are places that will prepare your tax return free of charge.

It is important to note that **EIC and CTC refunds DO NOT count as income** when you apply for or renew benefits like food stamps, SSI, Medicaid, cash assistance and others.

To get more information about these tax credits, call **Polish American Social Services** at (215) 923-1900.



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"PASS" works closely with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging to provide information and assistance to the elderly. For information regarding services available in Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania, call PCA's helpline number at (215) 765-9040 or PASS (215) 923-1900.

www.PCACares.org