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New Property Tax Rent Rebate Program Scheduled to Close June 30, 2007!

You are reminded that the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rent Rebate Program is scheduled to close on June 30th, 2007. Historically the program has been extended, but until the extension is official, every effort should be made to file before June 30th.

There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year during 2006. Funding for this rebate is made possible from the Pennsylvania Lottery Fund.



Applicants should note that no lien or judgment is placed against their property, nor will this rebate ever have to be repaid. To qualify, you must be a senior citizen 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. For homeowners meeting the above qualifications, their annual income must be at \$35,000 or less and renters meeting the above qualifications, their income must be at \$15,000 or less. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT ONLY HALF OF YOUR ANNUAL SOCIAL SECURITY, SSI or TIER 1 RAILROAD BENEFITS IS COUNTED TOWARD THE INCOME GUIDELINE. This means that someone with a Social Security annual benefit of \$20,000 will only count \$10,000 toward the income amount for this program.

For more information or an application call PASS at (215) 923-1900. All inquiries are confidential and services are free of charge.

I have Medicare D. Why should I apply for PACE or PACENET?



Seniors that have Medicare Part D, and also qualify for PACE or PACENET (see below for qualifications), should consider applying for PACE or PACENET because many times these programs can work together to save the senior

money. Basically PACE/NET works behind the scenes of Medicare D to reduce costs while maintaining full prescription coverage. The great part is that participating in PACE or PACENET can help the senior stay out of the coverage gap or "donut hole" as it is sometimes called. Also, there are times when a drug is not on the formulary or "drug list" of the Medicare D program and then PACE or PACENET may be able to cover the drugs. When you have both Medicare D and PACE or PACENET, you show both cards to the pharmacists and their computer will know how to bill everything. If you qualify, why not get better coverage?

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.

For more information call PASS at 215-923-1900. The agency can answer your questions and help you complete an application.

Reverse Mortgages : One of the least understood programs that can benefit senior citizens

There are many myths and misinformation surrounding Reverse Mortgages which cause elderly homeowners to run away from this program. The fact is that reverse mortgages have been around for many years and are very regulated by the government and have many benefits to an elderly homeowner age 62 years or older.

The truth of the matter is many elderly people on a fixed income find the cost of living far exceeds their cost of living adjustment. The hard earned equity in their home can be used to supplement income or for any other purpose. It is not true that you will have to leave your home because of a reverse mortgage.

For more information about reverse mortgages call Polish American Social Services 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. During June 2007, a PASS staff associate will be available to review your current resume, update it, or develop a new one with you to prepare you for your job interview.

This service will be available at the office of Polish American Social Services, 308 Walnut Street in Center City Philadelphia, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the month of June, between 10 A.M. and 3 P.M. Call in advance to make an appointment for this free service at (215) 923-1900.

What If I Am Satisfied With My Current Resume?

If you are already satisfied with your resume, live in the State of Pennsylvania and want to share your availability with potential employers, mail your resume to PASS and your resume will be shared with prospective employers. Mail your resume to:



Polish American Social Services
Employment Outreach
308 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Fax to: (215) 922-1518
Email to:
Staff@PolishAmericanSocialServices.com

Receipt of your resume will be acknowledged in writing and your resume will be provided to prospective employment sources. For more information call PASS, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at: (215) 923-1900

Job Training Program Information

If you are considering a job training program that can help you attain or retain long-term employment, contact PASS for more information. The "What help can I get to find a job or become qualified for a better job" outreach has been very effective. This is especially important to individuals who are unemployed due to company closings or relocations. PASS will share information about Pennsylvania area Job Training Programs to help you become more employable in a changing job market. Call PASS's Employment Outreach Representative for more information at (215) 923-1900.

Attention Employers!

People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will be pleased to alert job seekers of **Job Openings** that have been reported.

If your place of employment 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 opening 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.

Pennsylvania Minimum Wage Increase Effective July 1, 2007 New Rate \$7.15 Per Hour

Pennsylvania employees are reminded that the minimum wage for labor will increase from \$6.25 an hour, to \$7.15 per hour, starting July 1, 2007. This law applies to most employees in the state but there are certain exceptions to this guideline.

To have a summary sheet concerning the minimum wage law sent to you, call PASS at 215-923-1900 or go on the internet at www.dli.state.pa.us and click on the minimum wage information link.