SENIOR PROGRAMS FOR PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENTS

PACE/PACENET Pharmaceutical Assistance

PACE PROGRAM

If you are:

- 65 years of age or older and
- have an annual income under \$14,500 for single persons \$17,700 for married couples,

you may be eligible to obtain a PACE card for the senior citizen prescription assistance program. You pay only a modest co-pay for each prescription.

If your income is higher, you may be eligible for

PACENET PROGRAM

If you are:

• 65 years of age or older and

 have an annual income between: \$14,500 and \$23,500 for single persons \$17,700 and \$31,500 for married couples, you may still be eligible for state prescription assistance with a slightly higher co-pay.

A recent law dubbed "PACE Plus Medicare"–combined provisions of the state's PACE and PACENET programs with the federal government's new Medicare Part D prescription program in an effort to give PACE/PACENET enrollees one of the best prescription packages in the nation.

For more information on PACE/PACENET call toll-free 1-800-225-7223.

STATE PARKS CAMPING DISCOUNTS

If you are:

• 62 years of age or older you qualify for a reduced camping fee of \$3 off the regular fee at state park campgrounds.

For more information call toll-free 1-888-PA-PARKS.

MEDICARE OVERCHARGE BAN

The state legislature has enacted a law to save you money on your doctor bills. The law requires health care practitioners to accept as full payment the amount Medicare allows as the "reasonable charge" for visits to the doctor and for medical services rendered. The customary 20% co-payment must still be paid by the Medicare patient or by the patient's private Medigap insurance. **For questions or complaints call toll-free 1-800-822-2113**.

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TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

If you are:

• 65 years of age or older and

• have a senior transit card, you may ride any Port Authority Vehicle for free anytime.

To apply for a transit card or for more information contact my office.

MEALS ON WHEELS

If you are homebound, unable to prepare meals, and living without any assistance, you can receive nutritious meals delivered right to your door. Meals are regularly delivered at lunchtime Monday through Friday. **For more information contact your local Area Agency on Aging Allegheny County: (412) 350-4234.**

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSE DISCOUNTS

Hunters may apply for a senior hunting license *in the year they turn 65*, rather than waiting until after their 65th birthday. Senior hunting licenses cost \$13 a year and a lifetime hunting license costs \$51.

An annual fishing license for persons 65 years of age or older costs \$11.70. A lifetime license costs \$51.70. There is an additional one-time fee of \$9.70 for a trout and salmon fishing stamp available to lifetime license holders. Free fishing licenses are available for PA veterans with 100 percent service-connected disabilities.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

If you are:

• Retired and have a total income from all sources not exceeding \$19,200, you may be eligible for a reduction from (\$36 to \$10) in the cost of your motor vehicle registration.

For more information call toll-free 1-800-932-4600.

TAX BREAK FOR HOMESELLERS

Homeowners, regardless of age, who are in the process of selling their homes may qualify for exemption from paying state income tax from the sale of a principal residence if they satisfy ownership and use requirements.

For more information contact your local Area Agency on Aging Allegheny County: (412) 350-4234.

PROPERTY TAX/ RENT REBATE

Effective in 2009 for the 2008 tax year, if you are:

- 65 years of age or older; or
- 50 years of age or older and widow/widower; **and**

• you are a homeowner and your income is less than \$35,000 (with one half of Social Security or Railroad Retirement excluded from the income calculation); **or**

• you are a renter and your income is less than \$15,000 (with one half of Social Security or Railroad Retirement excluded from the income calculation), you may be eligible for a property tax or rent rebate of up to \$650.

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UTILITY SERVICE TERMINATION

If you have a problem regarding the termination of utility services, contact the Public Utility Commission. The Commission will attempt to negotiate whatever service problems older consumers may have with their utilities.

Call toll-free 1-800-692-7380. Other problems, billing, service call 1-800-782-1110.

APPRISE HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING

If you are:

• 60 years of age or older you may receive free health insurance counseling on Medicare, Medicare HMOs, Medicare Supplemental (Medigap) Policies, Medicaid and Long Term Care Insurance.

Call toll-free 1-800-783-7067.

SENIOR CENTERS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Dear Friends,

Here is a listing of our senior centers at which you may meet old friends and make new ones, get information on events and issues, participate in recreational activities and socialize. Call your local center today for more information on what's available.

Chartiers Area Resource Center 300 Lincoln Avenue Carnegie, PA 15106 (412) 276-5056

- Allentown-Hill Top Center
 631 E. Warrington Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15210
 (412) 481-5484
 E-mail: allentownseniorcenter@verizon.net
- Beechview Center 1555 Broadway Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15216 (412) 571-3224
- Brighton Heights Center
 3515 McClure Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15212
 (412) 766-4656
- Brashear Center
 2005 Sarah Street
 Pittsburgh, PA 15203
 (412) 431-2236
 E-mail: administration@brashearassociation.org
- Carrick Senior Center

Zion Christian Church 2019 Brownsville Road Pittsburgh, PA 15210 (412) 881-6800

Henry Kaufmann Center & Adult Day Service 2201 Salisbury Street Pittsburgh, PA 15210 (412) 431-0557 Hill House Senior Services
 2038 Bedford Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15219
 (412) 392-4450

Wayne A Fortana

- Hillsdale Resource Center
 1444 Hillsdale Avenue, Suite 15
 Pittsburgh, PA 15216
 (412) 343-6050
 E-mail: lifespan@lifespanpa.org
- Knoxville Senior Center 320 Brownsville Road Pittsburgh, PA 15210 (412) 381-6900 E-mail: elderadoinc@aol.com
- Lafferty Resource Center 330 Joseph Street Pittsburgh, PA 15227 (412) 881-2668
- Lutheran Services Society 440 Lincoln Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15202 (412) 734-9330
 E-mail: lssbellevue@lsswpa.org Web Site: www.l*sswpa.org/
- McKinley Park Center 900 Delmont Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15210 (412) 481-2433
- Mt. Washington Center
 122 Virginia Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15211
 (412) 488-8405
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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SENIOR SERVICES CONTACT:

ALLEGHENY COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING 441 Smithfield Street Building • 2nd Floor • Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2219 • (412) 350-4234

OR VISIT THESE WEB SITES:

www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/parks/html/seniorinterests.html www.elder-ado.org

SENIOR CENTERS continued

- North Side Center 5 Allegheny Square Carnegie Library Basement Pittsburgh, PA 15212 (412) 323-7239
- Northview Heights Center 525 Mt. Pleasant Road Pittsburgh, PA 15214 (412) 323-7240
- Overbrook Senior Center
 2199 Dartmore Street
 Pittsburgh, PA 15210
 (412) 882-7135
- Polish Hill/West Penn Center West Penn Recreation Center 30th and Paulowna Streets Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (412) 621-8197
- Seton/Brookline Senior Center 1900 Pioneer Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15226 (412) 344-4777 E-mail: judy@setoncenter.com
- Sheraden Center 720 Sherwood Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15204 (412) 777-5012
- South Side Center 12th and 1200 Bingham Streets Pittsburgh, PA 15203 (412) 488-8404
- Three Rivers Senior Center 1014 Sheffield Street, Suite 213 Pittsburgh, PA 15233 (412) 322-6119
- West End Senior Center 80 Wabash Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15220 (412) 937-3068

—INSIDE— Senior Neighborhood Centers in Allegheny County



for Pennsylvania Residents



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KENNEDY DISTRICT OFFICE Kenmawr Plaza • 524 Pine Hollow Road Kennedy Township, PA 15136-1661 (412) 331-1208 • Fax: (412) 331-2079

BEECHVIEW SATELLITE OFFICE

1660 Broadway Avenue Pittsburgh PA 15216-3247 (412) 343-2080 • Fax: (412) 343-2418 **HARRISBURG OFFICE** Senate Box 203042 • Harrisburg, PA 17120-3042