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Senior Issues

Programs Available to Help Older Pennsylvanians

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Dear Friend,

Pennsylvania has the second largest number of senior citizens in the nation, behind only Florida. With that distinction comes a special responsibility to make sure older state residents have access to the best care available.

We already do more than most other states to fund programs and services for our seniors. Through the PA Lottery, we dedicate money to a number of important programs, including PACE prescription assistance, shared ride and property tax/rent rebates.

All of these initiatives are extremely important to seniors – many of whom live on a fixed income and are concerned about paying for health care and prescription drugs.

If you're a senior citizen or an adult approaching senior status, you may want to take advantage of the many programs, resources and services that Pennsylvania provides, including those listed in the mailer.

If you have questions about any state issue or program, please contact my office and my staff will be happy to help you.

You can also access a wealth of information about state government by visiting the state home page at www.state.pa.us as well as my home page www.jakecorman.com.


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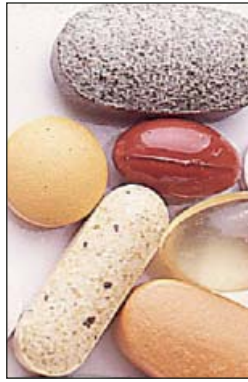
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PACE and PACENET

The PACE and PACENET programs offer Commonwealth seniors discounted prescription drug prices for both generic and name-brand medications.

PACE cardholders can purchase generic prescription drugs for \$6 and name-brand drugs for \$9 at local drug stores



or through mail-order pharmacies. To qualify for the PACE program, you must be 65 or older and have an annual income less than \$14,500 for a single person or \$17,700 for a married couple.

PACENET is a discount program designed for seniors earning slightly higher incomes. Cardholders pay \$8

for generic medications and \$15 for name-brand prescriptions after meeting a \$40 monthly deductible. To qualify for this program, you must be 65 or older and have an annual income less than \$23,500 for a single person or \$31,500 for a married couple.

For further information on the PACE and PACENET programs, call 1-800-225-PACE or visit www.aging.state.pa.us.

Transportation Discounts

Auto insurance discounts, which have been mandated in Pennsylvania for drivers age 55 and over who complete a mature driver improvement course, save seniors considerable amounts of money in auto insurance costs. Approved courses are offered by the American Automobile Association (AAA), AARP, and the National Safety Council (NSC).

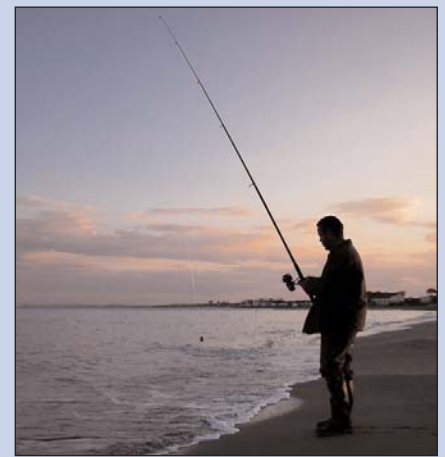
Automobile registration fees have also been reduced for retired or disabled Commonwealth seniors on a low fixed income. Registration fees have been reduced to a \$10 fee, down from the usual \$36.

For information concerning auto insurance discounts, contact your local Area Agency on Aging or:

AARP
55 Alive/Mature Driving
225 Market Street, Suite 502
Harrisburg, PA 17101
(717) 238-2277

For information on reduced registration fees contact:

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
PENNDOT
Riverfront Office Center
1101 South Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104
(800) 932-4600



Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Pennsylvanians 65 years or older may purchase hunting licenses at the reduced rate of \$13 per year or \$51 for a lifetime license and reduced fishing licenses at \$11 per year or \$51 for a lifetime license.

Pennsylvania veterans with 100 percent service-related disabilities are entitled to a free fishing license.

Licenses may be purchased from sporting goods stores, county treasurer's offices or:

Pennsylvania Game Commission
2001 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110
(717) 787-4250
www.pgc.state.pa.us

Pennsylvania Fish Commission
P.O. Box 1673
Harrisburg, PA 17105
(717) 657-4518
www.fish.state.pa.us

Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program

The Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program offers up to a \$500 rebate based upon a household's income and the amount of rent or property tax that seniors pay.

To qualify you must be a resident of Pennsylvania, age 65 or older, a widow or widower age 50 or older, or age 18 to 65 and permanently disabled. Your annual income may not exceed \$15,000.

For more information, instructions and application forms, contact your local Area Agency on Aging, call toll free at (800) 772-5246 or (888) 222-9190, or visit the Department of Revenue website at: www.revenue.state.pa.us.

