



A guide to savings for Medicare Beneficiaries

Programs and resources
that can help you get the care you need

Get help with your expenses

If you're living on a fixed income, you know that making ends meet can sometimes be a challenge. However, you don't have to settle for less when it comes to your health.

As a Medicare beneficiary, you may be eligible for a variety of public benefits and other assistance programs to help you manage your health care expenses and make the most of your limited resources. This brochure can help you take full advantage of all the resources at your disposal. Learn about the range of programs available, which programs you qualify for, and how to apply for the benefits offered.

Page 29 of this booklet provides contact information for the relevant agencies and organizations in case you want additional details about any of these programs.

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Medical and prescription programs

PACE, PACENET, and PACE Plus Programs

What the programs cover:

The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE), PACE Needs Enhancement Tier (PACENET), and PACE Plus programs offer coverage for generic and brand name drugs with minimal copayment for each covered prescription filled.

Who is eligible:

Pennsylvania residents (for at least 90 consecutive days) who are age 65 or older are eligible. You can apply for these programs even if you have health insurance coverage or if the prescription coverage you have is limited.

If you are applying for PACE benefits, you must meet the following income limits:

- single person: total income must be \$14,500 or less;
- married couple: combined total income must be \$17,700 or less.

If you are applying for PACENET benefits, you must meet the following income limits:

- single person: total income must be between \$14,500 and \$23,500;
- married couple: combined total income must be between \$17,700 and \$31,500.

How to apply:

Applications for PACE, PACENET, and PACE Plus are available at Area Agencies on Aging (see page 29 for locations), pharmacies, and legislators' offices. You may obtain an application at <https://pacecares.magellanhealth.com> or by calling **1-800-225-7223**. Hearing-impaired callers using a TDD (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf) should call **1-800-222-9004**.

Important information regarding the PACE Outreach program

The PACE program partners with Benefits Data Trust (BDT) to conduct outreach and enrollment services. BDT assists PACE in identifying older Pennsylvanians who may qualify for the program and helps individuals complete the program's enrollment application.

BDT conducts outreach services through direct mail and outbound calls. Benefits outreach specialists from its Application Center talk individuals through the application process. They can also submit applications to the program on the individual's behalf.

BDT is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but offers a toll-free number for individuals to call with questions, **1-866-712-2060**.

Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program Clearinghouse (PA PAP)

What the program covers:

This program may be able to help you apply for prescription assistance through various programs. If you do not qualify for any state or federally funded prescription assistance programs, then this program may help you reduce the cost of your medications.

Who is eligible:

- Pennsylvania residents;
- not a participant in any other state or federally funded prescription program;
- not have other prescription insurance; however, assistance during the Medicare Part D coverage gap may be available.

How to apply:

For more information about this program call **1-800-955-0989**.

Extra Help with Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

What the program covers:

Extra Help is a program for Medicare beneficiaries to assist in paying their monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription copayments related to their Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage plan.

Who is eligible:

- Applicants must be receiving Medicare.
- Beneficiaries must have limited resources and income.
- Individuals must reside in one of the 50 states or District of Columbia.

How to apply:

- Apply online at: www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp
- Call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213** (TTY: **1-800-325-0778**) to apply or request an application.
- Apply at your local Social Security office (see page 33 for locations).

Medical Assistance Programs (Medicaid)

What the programs cover:

State Medical Assistance Programs (Medicaid) are provided by the Department of Public Welfare. Medical Assistance programs help to cover the cost of health care services not covered by Medicare. Medical Assistance benefits can include prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Medical Assistance also covers copayments and deductibles.

Who is eligible:

Benefits are available to eligible low-income individuals regardless of age. You can qualify to receive Medical Assistance benefits even if you also receive Medicare benefits at the same time or have health insurance through a Medicare Advantage plan.

Visit www.compass.state.pa.us for detailed information about eligibility requirements. You may also call or visit your local County Assistance Office (see 30 for locations) for more information.

How to apply:

- File an application at your local County Assistance Office (see page 30 for a list of offices).
- Apply for benefits online using COMPASS, Pennsylvania's online resource for assistance programs at www.compass.state.pa.us
- Call COMPASS at **1-800-692-7462**.

Medicare Savings Programs

What the programs cover:

Depending on which program you qualify for, a Medicare Savings program will pay your Medicare premiums for Parts A and B, your Medicare deductibles, your Medicare copayments, or a combination of these expenses. The Medicare Savings programs are offered by the Department of Public Welfare and are known in Pennsylvania as Healthy Horizons. There are three types of Healthy Horizons Medicare Savings programs available.

Who is eligible:

Elderly or disabled Medicare beneficiaries who do not qualify for Medical Assistance (Medicaid) because their income, assets, or both exceed the eligibility requirements may qualify for the Medicare Savings programs. Income and asset eligibility limits for the Medicare Savings programs vary for each of the three programs available.

How to apply:

Call your local County Assistance Office (see page 30 for locations) or call COMPASS at **1-800-692-7462**.

Veterans Administration Benefits

What the program covers:

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) provides the following medical, surgical, and rehabilitative care to eligible veterans:

Basic care:

- outpatient and inpatient hospital, medical, surgical, and mental health care, including substance abuse treatment;
- prescription drugs, including over-the-counter drugs, and medical and surgical supplies available under the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) national formulary system;
- emergency care for a service-connected disability in non-VA facilities under certain conditions;
- additional health care services through the Medicare benefits package.

Preventive care:

- periodic medical exams;
- health education, including nutrition education;
- maintenance of drug use profiles, drug monitoring, and drug use education;
- mental health and substance abuse preventive services.

Who is eligible:

All veterans are potentially eligible to receive benefits, and eligibility is not just for those who served in combat. Visit the VA website at www.va.gov/healthbenefits for a list of other groups that may qualify for benefits.

Some of the basic factors that go into determining eligibility for VA health benefits include the following:

- Veterans who served in active duty with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard (or Merchant Marines during World War II).
- Veterans who were discharged honorably.
- Reservists and National Guard members who were called to active duty by a Federal Executive Order may qualify for benefits. Returning service members, including Reservists and National Guard members who served on active duty in a

theater-of-combat operation, have special eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for five years following discharge from active duty.

Visit the VA website at www.va.gov/healthbenefits or contact one of the VA locations listed in the Contact Information and Resources section at the back of this booklet to confirm your eligibility.

How to apply:

Complete and submit VA Form 10-10EZ. You can get the form in two ways:

- online at www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez
- by calling **1-877-222-VETS (8387)**
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you need help completing the form, call **1-877-222-VETS (8387)** Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Department of Veterans Affairs - Aid and Attendance Benefit

Wartime veterans and their surviving spouses, 65 years and older, may be entitled to a tax-free benefit called Aid and Attendance. The benefit was designed to provide financial assistance to help offset the cost of long-term care in an assisted-living facility or for in-home care.

What does it mean to you?

- With the benefit in hand, you are able to afford the care you need.
- You never have to pay it back and it is completely tax-free.
- Like Social Security, this pension is dependable and is paid directly to you by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.
- This benefit can be used for in-home care, board and care homes, residential care homes, and for assisted-living communities.

How American Veterans Aid will work with you:

- The organization provides a comprehensive Long-Term Care Consultation for a reasonable fee.
- A VA-accredited claims agent provides a Letter of Determination.
- Applicants receive a detailed instructions pack.
- VA application forms are prepared and submitted to the VA at no charge by the claims agent.

For more information call **1-877-427-8065** or visit www.americanveteransaid.com.

Other assistance programs

Meals on Wheels

What the program covers:

Meals on Wheels delivers nutritious meals to recipients' homes. The fee is minimal and charged according to a sliding scale, which is based on the recipient's ability to pay.

Who is eligible:

Seniors who are homebound or who might not be able to cook for themselves are eligible for meal service from Meals on Wheels.

How to apply:

Get information about starting meal service delivery to your home by contacting the Meals on Wheels chapter nearest you.

Bucks County

Central Bucks Meals on Wheels: **215-348-0565**

Doylestown Meals on Wheels: **215-345-6065**

Chester County

Chester County Meals on Wheels: **610-430-8500**

Delaware County

Delaware County Meals on Wheels: 610-566-4211

Montgomery County

Norristown Meals on Wheels: 610-275-1960

Ambler Meals on Wheels: 215-619-8863

Philadelphia County

Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels: 215-233-5555

Northeast Meals on Wheels: 215-745-9066

Roxborough Meals on Wheels: 215-482-0249

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

What the program covers:

SNAP is Pennsylvania's food stamp program. This program helps eligible participants follow a more nutritious diet by increasing food purchasing power at grocery stores and supermarkets.

Who is eligible:

Benefits are available to families who are receiving cash assistance. This program is also offered to people who may have sufficient income for their basic living costs but need help paying for food.

How to apply:

- File an application at your local County Assistance Office (see page 30 for locations).
- Download an application from the Web and return it to your local County Assistance Office. Visit www.dpw.state.pa.us and click *For Adults*, then *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*.
- Apply for benefits online using COMPASS, Pennsylvania's online resource for assistance programs at www.compass.state.pa.us to get started.

Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

What the program covers:

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program provides assistance with property taxes or refunds on rent. This program is administered by the Department of Revenue and funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and slots gaming.

Who is eligible:

- Pennsylvania residents;
- income limit of \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters (half of Social Security income is excluded);
- age 65 as of December 31;
- widows or widowers age 50 and older;
- disabled individuals age 18 and older.

How to apply:

For more information or to receive the necessary applications, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue's local office at **215-560-2056** or **1-888-222-9190** or visit the e-Service Center at www.revenue.state.pa.us.

The Lifeline Assistance Program

Assurance Wireless

Assurance Wireless is a federal Lifeline Assistance program brought to you by Virgin Mobile. Lifeline is a government benefit program supported by the federal Universal Service Fund. Enrollment is available to individuals who qualify based on federal or state-specific eligibility criteria. The Lifeline Assistance program is available for only one wireless or wireline account per household.

What the program covers:

- Free phone
- 250 free voice minutes each month
- 250 free text messages each month

Who is eligible:

Residents receiving any of the following:

- Medicaid or SNAP;
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- LIHEAP recipients;
- residents living in Section 8 housing;
- household income that does not exceed 135 percent of the 2013 federal poverty income level.

How to apply:

- Contact the Lifeline Assistance program at **1-888-898-4888**
- Visit www.assurancewireless.com to apply.

The Ombudsman Program

The Ombudsman Program is designed to support and empower consumers by resolving individual complaints regarding long-term care services to help forge new partnerships and guarantee an environment that protects the rights of older adults.¹

An ombudsman is a trained individual who can help when there is a complaint or problem with any long-term care service.

For more information, contact the Ombudsman Program in your county:

- Bucks County: **267-880-5716**
- Chester County: **610-344-6350**
- Delaware County: **610-872-1868**
- Montgomery County: **610-278-5921**
- Philadelphia County: **215-545-5724**

¹ *Source: 2012-2016 PA State Plan on Aging, page 12.*

Adult Protective Services

Protective Services staff intervenes in cases of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and abandonment for those at risk over age 60. To report a suspected case of elder abuse, call the elder abuse hotline at **1-800-490-8505** or call your Area Agency on Aging, Protective Services phone line:

- Bucks County: **1-800-243-3767**
- Chester County: **610-344-6610** or **1-800-564-7000**
- Delaware County: **610-490-1300** or **1-800-416-4504**
- Montgomery County: **1-800-734-2020**
- Philadelphia County: **215-765-9040**

APPRISE Health Insurance Counseling Program

The APPRISE program is a service of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and your local county Area Agency on Aging. APPRISE offers free and impartial information and assistance with Medicare benefits, Medicare Advantage plans, Medigap policies, Medicare prescription benefits, long-term care insurance, and programs that can save you money on health care expenses.

Counselors are specially trained volunteers who can answer your questions.

The toll-free APPRISE Helpline is **1-800-783-7067**, all services are free and confidential. You may also contact your county's APPRISE office:

- Bucks County: **267-880-5700** or **215-348-0510**
- Chester County: **610-344-5004**
- Delaware County: **484-494-3769**
- Montgomery County: **610-278-3911**
- Philadelphia County: **215-765-9040**

Pennsylvania Dental Association Senior Dental Care Program

More than 1,000 dentists have participated in the Pennsylvania Dental Association Senior Dental Care program, which offers dental

care at a reduced cost to low- or fixed-income senior citizens.
Learn more at www.padental.org.

Program Eligibility

Participating referral dentists offer a minimum discount of 15 percent off their usual fees for patients who meet the program's basic requirements. To be eligible, a patient must fulfill all of the following requirements:

- Pennsylvania resident;
- age 65 or older;
- not receiving federal, state, or other dental health assistance;
- not have private dental insurance;
- have a total annual household income of less than \$14,500 for a single person or less than \$17,700 for a married couple.

The following is not a complete listing of all participating dental offices. For more information contact:

Pennsylvania Dental Association
3501 North Front Street
P.O. Box 3341
Harrisburg, PA 17105
717-234-5941
www.padental.org

Bucks County

Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic, Inc.
595 West State Street
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-2260

Chester County

Chester County Community Dental Center
744 East Lincoln Highway, Suite 120
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-383-3888

Community Volunteers in Medicine
300B Lawrence Drive,
West Chester, PA 19380
610-836-5990

Phoenixville Healthcare Access Foundation
723 Wheatland Street, Suite 2C
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-935-3165

Delaware County

ChesPenn Health Services – East Side
125 East 9th Street
Chester, PA 19013
610-874-6231

ChesPenn Health Services – West Side
2600 West 9th Street
Chester, PA 19013
610-497-2900

Montgomery County

Community Health & Dental Care
11 Robinson Street, Suite 100
Pottstown, PA 19464
610-326-7405

Delaware Valley Community Health, Inc.
Norristown Regional Health Center
1401 Dekalb Pike
Norristown, PA 19401
610-278-7787

Montgomery County Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic
Science Center 211
340 Dekalb Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422
215-641-6483

Philadelphia

Quality Community Health Care, Inc. – Family Health Center
2501 West Lehigh Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19132
215-227-0300

Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry
3223 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140
215-707-2900

Delaware Valley Community Health, Inc. – Maria de los Santos
Health Center
401 West Allegheny
Philadelphia, PA 19133
215-291-2509

Transportation

Counties in the region provide transportation services for older citizens to and from senior centers, medical facilities, human service agencies, libraries, and stores for shopping. Programs may have specific times for service, and reservations may be needed. For more information call your Area Agency on Aging or:

Bucks County

Bucks County Transport (BCT)
1-888-795-0740 (reservations)
215-794-5554 (general information)
www.bctransport.org

Chester County

Rover Community Transportation
484-696-3854 (reservations and general information)
1-877-873-8415 (toll free)
www.riderover.com

Delaware County

Delaware County Community Transit
610-490-3960 (reservations)
www.ctdelco.org
Medical Assistance Transportation Program
610-490-3975 (information)
TDD for the hearing-impaired
610-490-3990

Montgomery County

TRANSNET
(Suburban Transit Network, Inc.)
215-542-7433
www.suburbantransit.org

Montgomery County Transportation Management Association
215-699-2733
1-866-507-4857 (toll free)
www.ptma-mc.prg/programs

Philadelphia County

Customized Community Transportation Department (CCTD)
215-580-7145
www.septa.org/service/cct

Utility and energy assistance

Pennsylvania Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

What the program covers:

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps low-income Pennsylvanians pay their heating bills by providing home heating energy assistance and crisis grants. LIHEAP is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. You need not have an unpaid bill to receive home heating energy assistance. Cash grants help pay heating bills. Crisis grants help households who have an emergency and are in immediate danger of being without heat.

Who is eligible:

- You may qualify for a LIHEAP grant if your income meets certain income guidelines.
- You will receive a written notice that tells you if you qualify and the amount of your grant.

How to apply:

- Apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us.
- Request an application by calling the statewide LIHEAP hotline at **1-866-857-7095** or TDD for the hearing-impaired at **1-800-451-5886**.
- Applications are also available at local County Assistance offices.

PECO's Universal Service programs

PECO's Customer Assistance Program (CAP)

What the program covers:

- **Reduced monthly payments:** Receive a discount on a portion of the energy used, depending on the household income level.
- **Freezing past debt:** When you enroll in CAP, past debt will be frozen. If your CAP payments are made on time and in full, PECO will not make collections on past-due amounts and no fees will be applied against the debt.
- **Forgiving past debt:** If your CAP bill is paid on time and in full for six consecutive months, the entire outstanding debt will be forgiven.

Who is eligible:

- households with income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines;
- those who have applied for LIHEAP and receive LIURP services from PECO.

How to apply:

- Contact PECO to apply for CAP by calling **1-800-774-7040**.

PECO's Low-Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP)

What the program covers:

- LIURP helps reduce household electric and gas use, resulting in lower bills.
- Free home energy usage reviews, education on how to reduce energy use, and installation of weatherization measures.

Who is eligible:

- You qualify if you are a high energy user and you have a household income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines OR your household income is between 150 and 200 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines and you have a past-due balance.
- PECO also requires that you use a certain amount of energy before you can qualify for the program. If you have electric heat, you must use at least 1,400 kWh monthly. If you have gas heat, you must use at least 100 ccf monthly.

How to apply:

Call **1-800-675-0222** to see if you are eligible. You can apply for LIURP services year-round.

Resources for Philadelphia County residents

Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA)

What the program covers:

The ECA is a nonprofit corporation that coordinates and provides energy services, including conservation, heater repairs, energy education, and bill payment assistance.

Who is eligible:

- Philadelphia residents;
- low- to moderate-income individuals.

How to apply:

- Contact the ECA at 215-988-0929.
- Visit www.ecasavesenergy.org.

Homeowner's Emergency Loan Program (HELP)

What the program covers:

The Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) administers the Homeowner's Emergency Loan Program, an interest-free, installment-payment loan program to eligible water customers who have been issued a Notice of Violation/Defect for a defective water or drainage system.

Who is eligible:

- The applicant must be the homeowner of record and reside at the property.
- The property must have received a Notice of Defect (NOD) issued by PWD.
- The property must be listed as a residential or mixed residential/commercial property.
- The property must have an operable water meter.
- The property cannot have more than four (4) units.
- The water bill and/or any payment agreements must be current.

How to apply:

To apply for a loan or to find out more about HELP, call 215-685-4901.

Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF)

What the program covers:

UESF is a nonprofit organization that provides cash assistance to income-eligible households, preventing utility shutoffs for water, gas, and electric. Since 1983, UESF has provided grants to families in need. If eligible, UESF will give a household up to \$500 in aid for a utility account that is shut off or in danger of shutoff. The grant must reduce the bill to zero.

Who is eligible:

- Applicant must be a Philadelphia resident.
- The utility bill must be in the applicant's name or he or she must show proof of responsibility for the bill.
- Applicant must not have received a UESF grant in the past 24 months.
- Applicant must have applied for LIHEAP Cash and Crisis when the programs are open.
- Applicant must be at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty level.

How to apply:

For more information contact UESF at 215-972-5170 or www.uesfacts.org.

Philadelphia Water Department Water Revenue Assistance Program (WRAP)

What the program covers:

WRAP provides cash assistance from the city of up to \$200 to help pay delinquent water bills.

Who is eligible:

- Philadelphia residents who live in the property for which the application is made.
- Households with incomes within the federal low income guidelines.

How to apply:

Contact WRAP at 215-686-6880.

Resources for Bucks County residents

Bucks County Medication Disposal

What the program covers:

Permanent medication collection boxes are available at several locations throughout Bucks County. This project is supported by the Bucks County Commissioners and is made possible by a grant through the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.

Who is eligible:

Bucks County residents

Who to contact:

Bensalem Township Police 215-633-3700
Bristol Township Police 215-785-4040
Bucks County Courthouse 215-348-6000
Doylestown Township Police 215-348-4201
Hilltown Township Police 215-453-6000
Langhorne Borough Police 215-757-5911
Lower Southampton Township Police 215-357-1235
Middletown Township Police 215-750-3845
New Britain Township Police 215-822-1910
New Hope Borough Police 215-862-3033
Newtown Township Police 215-579-1000 ext. 398
Northampton Township Police 215-322-6111
Penndel Regional Police 215-257-5104
Plumstead Township Police 215-766-8741
Quakertown Borough Police 215-536-5002
Richland Township Police 215-536-5002
Springfield Township Police 610-346-6700
Upper Makefield Township Police 215-968-3020
Upper Southampton Township Police 215-364-5000
Warwick Township Police 215-343-6102

Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.

Provides assistance with housing concerns and promotes financial stability and permanent housing.

What the program covers:

- housing counseling;
- homeowner's emergency mortgage assistance programs;
- first-time home buyers counseling;
- foreclosure prevention;
- food pantries.

Who is eligible:

- Bucks County residents;
- low- to moderate-income residents.

Who to contact:

Bucks County Housing Group, Inc.
2324 Second Street Pike
Suite 17
Wrightstown, PA 18940
215-598-3566
www.bchg.org

Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.

This local community action agency offers numerous assistance programs to low-income Bucks County residents.

What the program provides:

- emergency assistance to help pay rent, utility bills, and overcome barriers to self-sufficiency;
- tax preparation for Pennsylvania and federal government tax returns;
- food pantries.

Who is eligible:

Bucks County residents

Who to contact:

Quakertown Client Services:
215-536-0353

Doylestown Client Services:
215-345-3295

Bristol Client Services:
215-781-2661

Rescue Relief for Senior Citizens

Organization assists Bucks County's senior citizen population with basic needs.

What the program covers:

- financial assistance for everyday necessities;
- advocacy and help to negotiate payments on overdue bills;
- resource information to meet needs such as clothing, debt reduction, food assistance, prescription medications, and utility bills.

Who is eligible:

Senior citizens living in Bucks County

Who to contact:

Call Rescue Relief for Senior Citizens at 215-426-1977.

Resources for Chester County residents

Bilingual Services

La Comunidad Hispana
731 West Cypress Street
Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-444-7550

Senior Citizen Fuel Assistance Program

Program helps low-income seniors in Chester County pay their household winter fuel bills, including gas, electric, oil, or propane. Program runs from October 1 through March 31, funds permitting.

Who is eligible:

- Chester County residents who are 70 years of age or older;
- eligibility based on household income;
- must be able to provide a copy of a photo ID or birth certificate.

What is covered:

- one-time grant;
- approximately \$300 toward household fuel;
- paid directly to fuel provider;
- past-due accounts will not be paid.

Who to contact:

Housing Partnership of Chester County
41 West Lancaster Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
610-518-1522

Home Maintenance Program

Program provides basic home repairs and modifications for residents of Chester County.

Who is eligible:

- Chester County residents, 65 years of age or older;
- must be primary owner of dwelling;
- must be primary residence of applicant;
- eligibility based on household income.

What is covered:

- basic home repairs and modifications;
- one-time grant;
- \$4,500 limit on the work performed.

Who to contact:

Housing Partnership of Chester County
41 West Lancaster Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
610-518-1522

Resources for Delaware County residents

Free Home Weatherization Program

This free program may help reduce home energy costs by 20 to 30 percent. It provides services to make your home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

Who is eligible:

- Delaware County residents;
- special consideration given to the elderly and disabled;
- eligibility based on household income;
- previous recipients of this program may not apply.

What is covered:

- home energy audit;
- primary heating system inspection and system service (as needed);
- attic insulation;
- home air leakage testing;
- weather stripping and caulking;
- primary windows repair or replacement (as needed).

Who to contact:

The Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc.
94 Jansen Avenue
Essington, PA 19029
610-521-8770

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC)

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) partners with several local utility companies and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to provide comprehensive services and information designed to increase household efficiency, reduce energy costs, and conserve energy.

Who is eligible:

- Delaware County residents who want to reduce their energy costs;
- PECO Energy customers.

What is covered:

- education on energy use and cost-saving measures;
- usage analysis showing when and why energy costs are high;
- grants available to assist with payment of past-due utility bills and/or restore service.

Who to contact:

The Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc.
201 West Front Street
Media, PA 19063
610-891-5101
www.caadc.org

Foster Grandparent/Volunteer Program

The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) provides volunteer opportunities for people age 55 and older to serve disadvantaged or disabled youth by tutoring those who need assistance with reading. Volunteers help the young achieve personal independence and self-confidence so they can learn to overcome their problems and become productive members of society. They help address critical community needs.

Who is eligible:

- people age 55 and older;
- able to serve 15 hours a week;
- meet certain income eligibility guidelines.

What is covered:

- modest tax-free stipends to offset the cost of volunteering;
- reimbursement for transportation, some meals during service, an annual physical, and accident and liability insurance while on duty;
- regular training sessions.

Who to contact:

Foster Grandparent Program
610-490-1498 or 1-800-416-4504

The Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA)
206 Eddystone Avenue
Eddystone, PA 19022
610-490-1300
1-800-416-4504
www.delcosa.org

Resources for Montgomery County residents

Montgomery County Community College

Senior Citizen Registration

Residents of Montgomery County who are 65 years or older have the opportunity to enroll in credit courses at Montgomery County Community College, paying only the fees, books, and supply costs associated with the course(s). Tuition is waived. Non-credit courses do not apply to this benefit. For this reason, senior citizens have specific registration dates for each semester. Please view the Registration Calendar online at www.mc3.edu/admission/registration or contact the campus listed below. Senior citizens can register after 2 p.m. on the specified date listed for the term. There are different dates for each term.

If you are a first-time senior citizen student seeking a degree, you will need to complete the online application. If you do not intend to pursue a degree, you will need to apply as a guest student. If you would like to apply in person, please go to the Enrollment Services Department at Central Campus in Blue Bell or West Campus in Pottstown. Students wishing to obtain a degree must comply with all prerequisite and placement testing course requirements, and they may submit official college/high school transcripts to show course prerequisite completion.

Central Campus (Blue Bell)
340 Dekalb Pike
College Hall 240
Blue Bell, PA 19422
Phone: 215-641-6551
Fax: 215-619-7188

West Campus (Pottstown)
101 College Drive
Room 151
Pottstown, PA 19464
Phone: 610-718-1944
Fax: 610-718-1999

Montgomery County Community Action Agency

The Montgomery County Community Action Development Commission offers a variety of programs and services, including:

- debt counseling and reduction programs;
- foreclosure prevention and mortgage assistance;
- food pantry and access to groceries;
- employment training and job finding services;
- weatherization.

Who to contact:

For more information or to apply for aid, visit or call the Community Action Development Commission:

113 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401
610-277-6363

Contact information and resources

This section contains contact information for local organizations that provide additional resources and information for seniors and low-income individuals.

Area Agencies on Aging

Bucks County

Bucks County Area Agency on Aging
30 East Oakland Avenue
Doylestown, PA 18901
267-880-5700

Chester County

Chester County Dept. of Aging Services Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road
Suite 320
West Chester, PA 19380
610-344-6350

Delaware County

Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA)
206 Eddystone Avenue
2nd Floor
Eddystone, PA 19022
610-490-1300

Montgomery County

Montgomery County Office of Aging and Adult Services
Human Services Center
1430 Dekalb Street
P.O. Box 311
Norristown, PA 19404-0311
610-278-3601

Philadelphia County

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA)
642 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130-3424
215-765-9000

Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE)

1500 Land Title Building
Philadelphia, PA 19110-1088
215-545-5728
www.carie.org

County Assistance Offices

Bucks County

1214 Veterans Highway
Bristol, PA 19007-2593
1-800-362-1291 or 215-781-3300

Chester County

100 James Buchanan Drive
Thorndale, PA 19372-1132
1-888-814-4698 or 610-466-1000

Delaware County

701 Crosby Street, Suite A
Chester, PA 19013-6099
610-447-5500

Montgomery County

Norristown District
1931 New Hope Street
Norristown, PA 19401-3191
1-877-398-5571 or 610-270-3500

Pottstown District
24 Robinson Street
Pottstown, PA 19464
1-800-641-3940 or 610-327-4280

Philadelphia County

Headquarters
801 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-560-7226

Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania

Bucks County

1290 Veterans Highway, Box 809
Bristol, PA 19007
215-781-1111

50 North Main Street
2nd Floor
Doylestown, PA 18901

Chester County

222 North Walnut Street
2nd Floor
West Chester, PA 19380
610-436-4510

Delaware County

410 Welsh Street
Chester, PA 19013
610-874-8421

Montgomery County

625 Swede Street
Norristown, PA 19401
610-275-5400

248 King Street
Pottstown, PA 19464
610-326-8280

Mayor's Commission on Services to the Aging (Philadelphia only)

100 South Broad Street
4th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19110
215-686-8450
www.phila.gov/aging

Medicare

1-800-633-4227
TTY/TDD: 1-877-486-2048
www.medicare.gov

PACE and PACENET

555 Walnut Street
5th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1919
1-800-225-7223

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)

1234 Market Street
1st Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-580-7800
www.septa.org

Social Security Administration

Information Hotline: 1-800-722-1213 (TTY: 1-800-325-0778)
www.ssa.gov

Local Social Security offices

Bucks County

444 Lincoln Highway
Fairless Hills, PA 19030

Chester County

1101 West Chester Pike
West Chester, PA 19382

Delaware County

807 Crosby Street
Chester, PA 19013

8645 West Chester Pike
Upper Darby, PA 19082

Montgomery County

115 West Avenue, Suite 302
Jenkintown, PA 19046

1700 Markley Street, 1st Floor
Norristown, PA 19401

Philadelphia County

2 Penn Center
Suite 2000A

1500 JFK Boulevard
20th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107

6120 Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19142

1514 West Cecil B. Moore
Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19121

3400 Aramingo Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19134

3901 Market Street
2nd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104

2929 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19132

5000 Wissahickon Avenue
3rd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19144

Stadium Plaza
3336 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19145

2373 Welsh Road
Philadelphia, PA 19114

VA Locations

Philadelphia Regional Office and Insurance Center

5000 Wissahickon Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19144
1-800-827-1000

Coatesville VA Medical Center

1400 Black Horse Hill Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
1-800-290-6172
or **610-384-7711**

Philadelphia VA Medical Center

3900 Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19104
1-800-949-1001
or **215-823-5800**

Philadelphia Veterans Center

801 Arch Street, Suite 502
Philadelphia, PA 19107
1-877-927-8387
or **215-627-0238**

Philadelphia Veterans Center NE

101 East Olney Avenue,
Suite C-7
Philadelphia, PA 19120
1-877-927-8387
or **215-924-4670**
www.va.gov

Telecommunications Device
for Hearing-Impaired
TDD: 1-800-829-4833



www.ibxmedicare.com

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For updated information regarding plan providers, visit our website at www.ibxmedicare.com, or call Customer Service at **1-800-645-3965**, (TTY/TDD) **1-888-857-4816**, seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please note that on weekends and holidays from February 15 through September 30, your call may be sent to voicemail.

If you are not yet a member and have questions, please call **1-877-393-6733** or TTY/TDD **1-877-219-5457**, seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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