I wanted to make you aware of an important change to Pennsylvania’s Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, the program that offers up to a $500 rebate on your property taxes or rent paid.

Beginning with claim year 2013, the state Department of Revenue will pay Property Tax/Rent Rebate claims filed on behalf of claimants who lived at least one day during the claim year and meet all other eligibility criteria. These claims should be filed by spouses, personal representatives or estates, on behalf of deceased claimants.

The department encourages anyone looking to file claims on behalf of residents who lived at least one day in 2013 to explore other rebate criteria and claim rebates on behalf of eligible decedents by the extended application deadline of Dec. 31.

Any claims already filed on behalf of deceased claimants will be reopened by the department, and claims will be reviewed under the new eligibility rules.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

**Those eligible:**
- seniors 65 or older
- widows and widowers 50 or older
- disabled Pennsylvanians 18 or older

**Other criteria:**
- Homeowners – must have an annual household income of $35,000 or less.
- Renters – must have an annual household income of $15,000 or less.

**Applicants can exclude 50 percent of Social Security or federal railroad retirement benefits in determining income eligibility.**

You can obtain information about the program, an application and help applying FOR FREE through my offices.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is just one of many senior citizen programs authorized and created by the Pennsylvania General Assembly. More information on these and other state-related programs is available in my offices.
Do you have difficulty paying for your prescriptions?
Pennsylvania’s PACE program can help

PACE, PACENET and PACE Plus Medicare are Pennsylvania’s prescription assistance programs for senior citizens. The programs offer low-cost prescription medication to eligible Pennsylvania residents who meet the income qualifications.

Who is eligible?
To be eligible for PACE and PACENET, you must be:

- 65 or older
- A Pennsylvania resident for at least 90 days prior to application
- NOT enrolled in the Department of Public Welfare’s Medicaid prescription benefit

What are the income qualifications?
PACE and PACENET eligibility is determined by your previous calendar year’s income.

PACE
- For a single person, total income must be $14,500 or less
- For a married couple, combined total income must be $17,700 or less

PACENET
- For a single person, total income can be between $14,500 and $23,500
- For a married couple, combined total income can be between $17,700 and $31,500

What is PACE Plus Medicare?
Under PACE Plus Medicare, PACE/PACENET coverage is supplemented by federal Medicare Part D prescription coverage and offers older Pennsylvanians the best benefits of both programs. Older adults continue to receive the same prescription benefits while, in many cases, saving more money.

My offices can provide you with more information about PACE, PACENET and PACE Plus Medicare, and help you with the application process. Please contact any of my offices.