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## Dear Neighbor,

I hope this mailing finds you and your loved ones starting 2024 in good health and in good spirits.

The goal of this newsletter is to provide you with helpful information about my work going on in Harrisburg and inform you of the vital services my staff and I can provide for you here at home.

My office is here to answer your questions and help you navigate state services and programs. We help with applications for many of the programs I detail in this newsletter, and we're always a phone call or an email away.

Additionally, if you don't have a question or a problem but instead have a suggestion about legislation that you think could help your community or our state, please don't be afraid to reach out and let me know!

You can reach me and my staff at (215) 331-2600 or by email at [RepKevinBoyle@pahouse.net](mailto:RepKevinBoyle@pahouse.net).

Representing you in Harrisburg is a not only a privilege, but a responsibility and duty that I do not take lightly. It is an exciting honor to serve you both in Harrisburg and here at home.

Sincerely,



*Speaking at the 7th Police District's 2023 Officer of the Year ceremony*



*At Fox Chase Farm with my colleagues presenting a \$100,000 preservation grant for its historic Manor House.*



*Standing in solidarity with the service workers of SEIU*

## **If you believe your health insurer wrongly denied a claim, the Pennsylvania Insurance Department may be able to help.**

Under a new law (Act 146 of 2023) that took effect Jan. 1, Pennsylvania consumers with commercial health insurance can now ask for a review of denied health insurance claims.

Under Act 146, consumers can first ask their health insurer to reconsider their decision to deny a health care claim. If the health insurer reconsiders the claim and still won't cover the health care—or if the care is urgently needed—then consumers can ask the Pennsylvania Insurance Department for an independent third-party review of the denied claim. This is known as an external appeal.

The Insurance Department set up a website ([pa.gov/reviewmyclaim](http://pa.gov/reviewmyclaim)) where consumers can request an external appeal for free. Paper forms are also available on the website.

If the consumer is eligible, the Insurance Department will assign the request to a certified independent review organization, where experienced doctors and health care professionals will review the consumer's medical records. If the independent review organization decides the care should be covered, the consumer's health insurer must cover the care. Independent review decisions are final and binding.

The external appeal only applies to health insurance purchased through Pennie®, health insurance purchased directly from a health insurer, and commercial health insurance purchased by an employer (not including self-funded health plans). Consumers should ask their employer to confirm whether they have commercial insurance or are part of a self-funded health plan.

To learn more, visit [pa.gov/reviewmyclaim](http://pa.gov/reviewmyclaim) or call the Insurance Department at 1-877-881-6388.

## **ATTENTION RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER**

Seniors can travel for free on ALL SEPTA transit routes (bus, trolley, trackless trolley, and Market-Frankford, Broad Street, and Norristown High Speed lines). They also ride for free on SEPTA Regional Rail as long as their departure and arrival stations are located within Pennsylvania.

For stations to or from New Jersey or Delaware, the cost is only 50% of the weekday fare with a valid form of identification to verify age.

For more information or to apply, please contact my office.

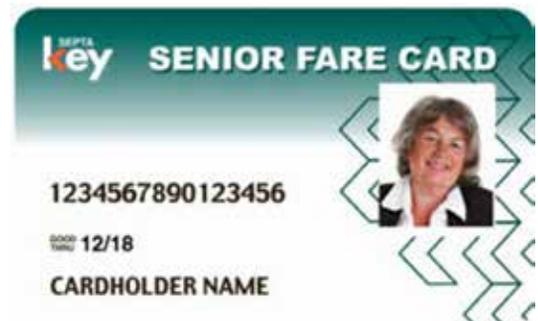
## **EXPIRING SEPTA SENIOR KEY ID CARDS**

Please call or visit our office to renew your card before its expiration date if your current card is dated 2024 or prior.

## **REPLACING LOST OR STOLEN SEPTA SENIOR KEY ID CARDS**

If your card has been lost or stolen, please contact our office or call the SEPTA Key Customer Call Center at 855-567-3782 immediately to report your lost or stolen card. The representative you speak to will provide information on how to replace the card.

The cost to replace your first card is \$5. Any additional card replacement is \$25.



# THE PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM HAS BEEN EXPANDED

1. The maximum rebate has increased from \$650 to \$1,000.
2. The income-eligibility cap is now the same for both renters and homeowners and has increased to \$45,000 a year.
3. Income caps are now tied to the cost of living, meaning those who receive a rebate won't lose eligibility in the future due to COLAs.

# THE PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM IS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS ON RENT AND TAXES PAID IN 2023

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is accepting applications for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2023. The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older; widows and widowers 50 or older; and people with disabilities 18 or older. Visit [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov) and search for "Property Tax/Rent Rebate" for information on how to apply online. My office can also help you apply. Deadline for applications is June 30, 2024.



## Property Tax / Rent Rebate 2024 Program Expansion

**MORE** people eligible, **MORE** money back!

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8K	\$1,000
Up to \$15K	\$770
Up to \$18K	\$460
Up to \$45K	\$380



Questions? Contact my office for help receiving your refund!



# LIHEAP APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL APRIL

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low-income families pay their heating bills. LIHEAP grants do not have to be repaid. Crisis grants are also awarded through the program for crisis situations and heating emergencies. Applications for the 2023-2024 season are open until Friday, April 5, 2024.

For more information and to apply, call or visit my office.

## INCOME GUIDELINES 2023 - 2024 LIHEAP

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$ 21,870
2	\$ 29,580
3	\$ 37,290
4	\$ 45,000
5	\$ 52,710
6	\$ 60,420
7	\$ 68,130
8	\$ 75,840
9	\$ 83,550
10	\$ 91,260

Each Additional Person  
Add \$ 7,710

# AFFORDABLE RX FOR SENIORS WITH PACE & PACENET

Older Pennsylvanians living on fixed incomes should never have to choose between affording their medications and affording their food, rent, or heat. Pennsylvania's prescription assistance programs for older adults, PACE and PACENET, can offer low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents, 65 and older.

My office is ready to assist with applications and answer any questions you may have about these programs.

To find out more visit [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov) or call my office.



## DO YOU HAVE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?

The Pennsylvania Treasury is holding \$3.8 billion in unclaimed property that needs to be returned to its rightful owners!

One in 10 Pennsylvanians has unclaimed property waiting for them. To find out if you are one of them, visit [www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property](http://www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property) or call my office – we can help you search the database.



# REAL ID ENFORCEMENT POSTPONED UNTIL 2025

The Department of Homeland Security has postponed REAL ID enforcement until May 7, 2025, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the national emergency declaration that was made.

Starting on that date, Pennsylvanians will be REQUIRED to have a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID. REAL ID remains optional for Pennsylvanians. Additional details are available at [penndot.gov/REALID](http://penndot.gov/REALID), or by contacting my office.

## Apply for your REAL ID in Pennsylvania

### You Will Need:

#### Choose 1

##### Proof of Identity:

- Certificate of Birth
- Valid Passport



#### + Choose 1

##### Proof of Social Security Number:

- Social Security Card
- W-2
- SSA-1099 Form
- Pay Stub
- Non SSA-1099 Form

The above documents must be in your current legal name and list ALL nine digits of your social security number



#### + Choose 2

##### Acceptable Proofs of PA Residency:

- W-2 Form or Pay Stub
- Tax Records
- Current PA Driver's License/ID Card
- Current PA Vehicle Registration
- Proof of Insurance
- Bank Statement (no more than 90 days old)
- Lease Agreement or Mortgage Documents

##### AND Proof of all Legal Name Changes (if applicable):

- Certified Marriage Certificate
- Court Order



	Standard ID or DL	REAL ID ID or DL
Driving (DL only)	✓	✓
General Identification Purposes	✓	✓
Boarding a Domestic (U.S.) Flight after May 7, 2025	✗	✓
Entering a Federal Facility (that requires ID) or a Military Base	✗	✓





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## MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- ✓ Obtaining and completing state forms/applications
- ✓ Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- ✓ Unemployment compensation problems
- ✓ Heating Assistance (LIHEAP)
- ✓ Birth & Death Certificates
- ✓ Issues with the Department of Human Services (EBT, Medical & Income assistance)
- ✓ Pennsylvania Income Tax Questions and Issues
- ✓ Information on financial assistance for higher education
- ✓ Utility inquiries and the Public Utility Commission
- ✓ Unclaimed Property
- ✓ Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives
- ✓ Renewal of state-issued certifications and licenses
- ✓ Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program
- ✓ Consumer complaints
- ✓ Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- ✓ Requests for literature (bills, regulations, statutes, applications, information, etc.)
- ✓ Information about federal, state, and local government agencies and offices

