

Benefits & Programs To Save You Money

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Dear York County Older Adult:

The Pennsylvania Lottery Fund delegates money solely for senior citizens, providing millions of dollars to support programs to meet their specific needs. There are also many special benefits and discounts available for senior citizens through other state and local programs. This compilation provides information about some of these programs. If you meet the eligibility criteria, we encourage you to take advantage of these benefits.

If you prefer to view this information online, please visit our "Resources" page on our website at: **www.ycaaa.org** 

If you have any questions, please call the York County Area Agency on Aging at:

## 717-771-9610 or 800-632-9073

Sincerely,

The York County Area Agency on Aging

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## **SNAP**

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

SNAP benefits are used to buy food and help eligible low-income households in Pennsylvania obtain more nutritious diets, by increasing their food purchasing power at grocery stores and supermarkets. If you are eligible, you will receive a Pennsylvania Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) ACCESS Card, which is used to make food purchases at grocery stores and supermarkets.

October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, for person[s] 60 and older or disabled:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income	Max Benefit Amount
1	\$2430	\$291
2	\$3288	\$535

### Simple SNAP Application for Elderly or Disabled Households

You can use this application if everyone in the household is age 60 or older or disabled, purchases and prepares food together, and does not receive any earnings from work. A household is a group of people who usually purchase and prepare meals together. People in the household are not required to be related.

The best way to determine if you are eligible is to apply for SNAP. There are a couple of different ways to apply for SNAP; please choose the option that suits you.

### Central Pennsylvania Food Bank 877-999-5964

#### File an application either online or in-person at: **York County Assistance Office** 130 N. Duke St., York, PA **1-800-991-0929**

### Printable applications are available at:

https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Documents/Benefits%20Applications/PA-600-2-20-Final.pdf.

### For questions, contact: Department of Human Services Helpline 800-692-7462

## Senior Food Box Program

Senior Citizens in York County age 60 and older, who meet income guidelines, may be eligible to receive a monthly Senior Food Box. This program is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to improve health and nutrition and administered by the York County Food Bank. Boxes typically include milk, juice, canned meat, poultry, or fish, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, dry beans, peanut butter, and canned fruits and vegetables.

The individual must show valid ID and proof of income at the time of certification.

Household Size	Max Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,580
2	\$2137

For more information:

## York County Food Bank 717-846-6435 ext. 202

(Tuesday - Thursday 10 am until noon)

https://yorkfoodbank.org/programs/food-for-seniors/

## Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

Eligible seniors can receive FREE vouchers (\$50) for purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables grown in Pennsylvania. Redeemable at participating PA Farmers Markets. Each eligible person may receive one set of vouchers per year.

### The program will run from June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

To qualify for vouchers, you must be 60 years of age before December 31, 2024, and a York County resident. You cannot live in a nursing home, personal care home, or other residential facility where meals are provided. You must also meet the following income requirements:

Household Size	Max Monthly Income Limit
1	\$2,248 (2023 limit)
2	\$3,040 (2023 limit)

Contact after May 15, 2024 at: York County Area Agency on Aging 717-852-4902 x1062

## **Medical Assistance**

Medical Assistance (MA), or Medicaid, is a low-income health insurance program. You may be eligible to participate in this program if you meet income and resource requirements. Medical Assistance (also known as Medicaid or MA) is a public insurance system with eligibility mainly based on income. It is jointly funded by the federal and state governments and administered by state governments. It is not "welfare" and does not provide its beneficiaries with cash assistance. For additional information contact the:

#### **York County Assistance Office**

130 North Duke Street ~ or ~ P.O. Box 15041 York, PA 17405-7041 **717-771-1100** or **1-800-991-0929** 

#### **Apply Online At**

https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome

## PA MEDI Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight

PA MEDI Counselors are specially trained to answer your questions and provide you with information about Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, and Medicaid. PA MEDI Counselors do not sell Medicare products but rather offer confidential, unbiased and easy-to-understand Medicare education to help you make the most informed choice about the Medicare options available to you.

#### Our PA MEDI Counselors can help you:

- Understand Medicare eligibility and enrollment
- Understand your Medicare benefits (Parts A & B)
- Understand your Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) benefit
- Make informed choices about Medicare coverage options, Medigap policies and Medicare Advantage Plans
- Understand financial assistance programs that may help pay for your Medicare premiums, deductible and co-pays, as well as prescription drug needs.
- Understand and assist with the Medicare appeal process
- Make presentations on Medicare to your group or organization

### 717-771-9008 or 1-800-632-9073

E-mail: aging@yorkcountypa.gov

## Healthy Horizons Medicare Savings Program

The Healthy Horizons Program helps eligible elderly and disabled Pennsylvanians to pay for some or all of Medicare's premiums. It may also pay for deductibles and coinsurance for people with Medicare and limited income and resources.

### To qualify for this program, you must:

- have Medicare Part A and Part B
- have a monthly income of less than \$1,275 for a single person or \$1,723 per couple
- have savings of \$9,430 or less for a single, or \$14,130 or less per couple (not including your home, car, burial plots, or irrevocable burial reserves)

For additional information contact the: **York County Assistance Office** 130 North Duke Street P.O. Box 15041 York, PA 17405-7041 **717-771-1100** or **1-800-991-0929** 

### PA Department of Human Services Helpline 1-800-692-7462 or www.dhs.pa.gov

## PACE / PACENET

PACE and PACENET offer comprehensive prescription coverage to older Pennsylvanians, and cover most medications that require prescriptions, including insulin, syringes, and insulin needles. These programs are administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging. You can be enrolled in PACE and other prescription plans. PACE will wrap around your current Part D coverage. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, and have been a resident of Pennsylvania for at least 90 days.

### **PACE**

- Annual income must be under \$14,500 for single person, or \$17,700 for married couples
- Participants pay \$6 or less for generic medications, and \$9 for brand name prescriptions
- You must be enrolled in a Part D plan. PACE will help pay your Medicare Part D premiums.

### **PACENET**

- Annual income must be less than \$33,500 for single person, or \$41,500 for married couples
- Participants pay \$8 or less for generic medications, and \$15 for brand name prescriptions
- You will pay your monthly premium directly to your Part D plan. If you are not enrolled in a Part D plan, you will pay \$40.16 monthly cumulative at the pharmacy.

For additional information contact PACE at **1-800-225-7223** E-mail: papace@magellanhealth.com

## Extra Help With Medicare Prescription Drug Costs

The Medicare Part D Extra Help Program helps Medicare consumers dramatically lower their prescription drug costs, and can help individuals save thousands of dollars per year. The amount of help depends on whether you qualify for full or partial help. The following income and resource limits apply in determining eligibility for Extra Help:

### **Extra Help Eligibility:**

1. If your monthly income is up to \$1,903 in 2024 (\$2,575 for couples) and your assets are below \$17,220 for individual and \$34,360 for couple, you may be eligible for Extra Help. These limits include a \$20 income disregard that the Social Security Administration (SSA) automatically subtracts from your monthly unearned income (e.g., retirement income).

Even if your income or assets are above the eligibility limits, you could still qualify for Extra Help because certain types of income and assets may not be counted, in addition to the \$20 mentioned above.

2. If you are enrolled in Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or a Medicare Savings Program (MSP), you automatically qualify for Extra Help regardless of whether you meet Extra Help's eligibility requirements. You should receive a purple-colored notice from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) informing you that you do not need to apply for Extra Help.

### **Extra Help Benefits:**

The Extra Help program (also called the Part D Low-Income Subsidy) offers the following benefits:

- Pays for your Part D premium up to a state-specific benchmark amount
- Lowers the cost of your prescription drugs
- Gives you a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) once per calendar quarter during the first nine months of the year to enroll in a Part D plan or to switch between plans (You cannot use the Extra Help SEP during the fourth calendar quarter of the year (October through December). Use Fall Open Enrollment during this time to make prescription drug coverage changes.)
- Eliminates any Part D late enrollment penalty you may have incurred if you delayed Part D enrollment

**Note:** If your income is close to the figures above, check with the York County Area Agency on Aging for possible deductions to your income. You may qualify even if you are above these limits.

### To apply, please contact:

### York County Area Agency on Aging

2401 Pleasant Valley Road, York, PA 17402 717-771-9008 or email: aging@yorkcountypa.gov

## **Income Tax Preparation**

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are available to assist you in completing your income tax returns at sites throughout York County from February to April. The volunteers can assist with most forms and returns. You must schedule an appointment. No walk-ins accepted.

#### **AARP / YCAAA Online Scheduling**

Ages 60+ Call: **717-771-9042** 

Ages 50 - 59 Call: 717-640-5006

### Intake documents that you need to complete before your appointment will be available at our locations or on the website:

https://www.yorkaarptaxaide.com/

**Information is also available by contacting the:** https://yorkcountypa.gov/1131/AARP-Tax-Aide-Program

## **Property Tax / Rent Rebate**

You may be eligible for a PA property tax or rent rebate if you or your spouse are 65+ years, or you are a widow(er) age 50+, or age 18+ and permanently disabled. You must meet financial eligibility guidelines with some income exclusions.

Income Limits	Rebate Amount
\$0 - \$8000	\$1000
\$8,001 - \$15,000	\$770
\$15,001 - \$18,000	\$460
\$18,001 - \$45,000	\$380

For additional information contact the: Pennsylvania Department of Revenue 888-222-9190

### To file electronically:

https://mypath.pa.gov.

To order an application: 1-800-362-2050

## LIHEAP Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

### What is LIHEAP?

LIHEAP helps low-income families pay their heating bills. You do not need to be on public assistance, you do not need to have an unpaid heating bill, and you can either be renting or own your own home.

### How does LIHEAP work?

LIHEAP offers cash grants and crisis grants

- Cash grants help families pay their heating bills
- Crisis grants help families who have an emergency and are in danger of being without heat
- Program traditionally opens in November and ends in April

### What information do I need to apply?

Names, birth dates, and social security numbers of all the members of your household, proof of income for all the members of your household and a recent heating bill

### Who is eligible?

Income and household size determine eligibility.

Household Size	Total Gross Annual Income
1	\$21,870
2	\$29,580
3	\$37,290
4	\$45,000

## For Additional Information:

York County Assistance Office

130 N. Duke Street York, PA 17405

717-771-1100 or 800-991-0929 Statewide Toll Free: 866-857-7095

## **The Weatherization Program**

This program is designed to reduce heating and cooling costs for low-income persons, with priority given to high energy users (the elderly, people with disabilities, and families with children) by improving the energy efficiency of the home and helping ensure health and safety.

This program is funded in part by the Department of Energy and/or the Department of Health and Human Services. No repayment is required for the services provided and no liens are filed on the property. Both owners and renters may apply. There is a shared cost requirement for the owners of rental properties. The program is designed to reduce the energy consumption of the dwelling through the installation of various energy conservation measures.

- Work is done free of charge for eligible households.
- Specially trained workers make specified repairs to your home so that it becomes more efficient to reduce your heating and electric bills.
- Services include attic and basement insulation, water heater and pipe insulation, window and door weather-stripping, caulking and broken glass replacement.
- Also as part of the Weatherization Program, your furnace and water heater are tested for efficiency and safety.

•	Additionally, we pr	ovide education or	i ways you can save and	use energy wisely.
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Household Size	Total Gross Annual Income
1	\$29,160
2	\$39,440
3	\$49,720
4	\$60,000
5	\$70,280
6	\$80,560

### For Additional Information:

#### York County Planning Commission

28 E. Market Street, 3rd Floor York, PA 17401-1580

#### 717-771-9870 or 800-441-2025

www.ycpc.org or www.yorkhip.org

## <u>The Home Improvement Program (HIP)</u>

The Program is designed to help income-eligible resident homeowners in the County of York by providing financial and technical assistance for necessary home repairs including, but not limited to, replacement of roofing and heating systems, major electrical, major plumbing, sewer/water hookups, replacement of septic systems, and Senior Safe/ADA modifications. The Program does not provide assistance for repairs that are of a cosmetic nature, or for regular maintenance and upkeep of a property.

Loans are provided in the form of a zero interest loan with a deferred payment. This means that a mortgage lien in the amount of the loan is filed against your property for security. As long as you, the Program participant, remain the occupant and owner of the property, no payment is required and no interest is charged. When the property is sold or transferred or it ceases to be your residence, the full balance on the loan becomes due and payable. The deed to the property remains in your name and is not transferred to the County of York.

Grants may be available for necessary home repairs to eligible homeowners age 55 and older, and disabled individuals. Grants may be awarded up to \$10,000 and will be used to address health and safety risks, code violations, mobility improvements, and Weatherization supplements.

In order to determine your eligibility, you must fill out and submit a pre-application. Once your pre-application is reviewed, if you meet initial eligibility requirements, your name will be placed on our waiting list.

Please go to: https://www.ycpc.org/328/Home-Improvement-Program-HIP or call: 717-771-9870 to ask if applications are being accepted at this time.

Household Size	Total Gross Annual Income
1	\$54,250
2	\$62,000
3	\$69,750
4	\$77,500
5	\$83,700
6	\$89,900

### **For Additional Information:**

**York County Planning Commission** 28 E. Market Street, 3rd Floor York, PA 17401-1580

## **PAHP Home Modification Program**

The Pennsylvania Accessible Housing Program (PAHP) provides grants that will enable low and moderate-income older adults and persons with permanent disabilities to make their current home more accessible. The program will provide residency options that prevent institutionalization and increase a disabled person's ability to function effectively in their own homes.

### For Additional Information:

**Center for Independent Living Opportunities** 127 W. Market Street York, PA 17401

717-849-0991 Email: office@cilopportunities.org

## YCAAA Home Modification Service

York County Area Agency on Aging's (YCAAA) Home Modifications service is available under the Options Program. This service provides modifications such as ramps, grab bars, and other equipment that can help older adults stay in their homes. They will also fix safety issues, but will not work on roofs, electrical problems, or appliances. Need will be determined based upon a thorough assessment.

Our Home Modifications Program is a partnership between the York County Area Agency on Aging and Servants, Inc. The labor is done by Servants volunteers. The YCAAA pays for the supplies. Because Home Modifications is a cost-sharing program, anyone enrolling in the program must meet financial eligibility guidelines. The amount paid by the consumer will vary based on their income.

### For Additional Information:

**York County Area Agency on Aging** 2401 Pleasant Valley Road York, PA 17402

717-771-9610 Email: aging@yorkcountypa.gov

## York County Special Needs Registry

The York County Special Needs Registry is a voluntary, community outreach service to assist elected officials and emergency responders in municipalities across York County in obtaining important information on special needs residents living in their communities. Special needs residents includes, but it not limited to individuals:

- with mobility difficulties
- with developmental or intellectual disabilities
- with sight or hearing impairments
- who utilize special medical equipment
- without a reliable or consistent form of transportation
- without access to emergency information via television, radio, or internet

The Special Needs Registry also assists residents by ensuring that all emergency response units (fire, police, EMA, etc) have access to the same information about each person - thus decreasing confusion during an emergency situation. This standardized information decreases safety risks to both responders and residents in emergency situations.

Under state law, municipalities are required to keep information on special needs persons in their area, and the Special Needs Registry provides an organized system to do so. Also, state law requires group living arrangements to provide their own emergency plan. Therefore, the Special Needs Registry is a resource for residents with special needs who have no reliable source of assistance in the event of an emergency. The Special Needs Registry can be used for more than just evacuation purposes - the information it provides is also helpful in any emergency situation (fire, chemical spill, police incident, etc).

#### **Contact the York County Special Needs Registry**

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about the York County Special Needs Registry, please email York County Human Services. Alternatively you can email the York County Office of Emergency Management.

#### **York County Human Services Department**

2401 Pleasant Valley Road, York, PA 17402 1-717-771-9347

or email: humanservices@yorkcountypa.gov

#### **Download an application:**

#### <u>English</u>

https://yorkcountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1585/York-County-Special-Needs-Registry-Resident-Sign-Up-Forms-English-Version-PDF?bidId=

#### **Spanish**

https://yorkcountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1586/York-County-Special-Needs-Registry-Resident-Sign-Up-Forms-Spanish-Version-PDF?bidId=

## Handicapped Parking

Pennsylvania's Persons with Disabilities placards and registration plates are universal and accepted in all 50 states.

### Persons with Disabilities Parking Placard and Registration Plate Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. is blind;
- 2. does not have full use of an arm or both arms;
- 3. cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;
- 4. cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair or other assistive device;
- 5. is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest;
- 6. uses portable oxygen;
- 7. has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to the standards set by the American Heart Association;
- 8. is severely limited in their ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition;
- 9. is a person in loco parentis of a person specified in paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 above.
- 10. is the parent, including adoptive parent or foster parent, of a child or adult child provided that the person has custody, care or control of the child or adult child and the child or adult child satisfies paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8; OR,
- 11. is the spouse of a person specified in paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8
- 12. Any person meeting any of the above criteria must have the disabled person's disabilities certified by an authorized health care provider, law enforcement, or a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office Administrator.

If you have a disability and would like more information regarding a special parking placard or license plate, contact one of the following:

### PennDoT Bureau of Motor Vehicles

1101 South Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17106 **1-800-932-4600** or visit: www.dmv.state.pa.us

### York County Area Agency on Aging

2401 Pleasant Valley Road, York, PA 17402 717-771-9610 or 800-632-9073 or email: aging@yorkcountypa.gov

### Download an application:

https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/dvspubsforms/BMV/BMV%20Forms/mv-145a.pdf

## <u>rabbittransit</u>

#### Free Transit Program:

If you are 65 years of age or older and have a Medicare card, senior citizens transit identification card, or other proof of age, you are eligible for free transit services on fixed-route buses.

You must be pre-registered for these services with rabbittransit.™

#### Senior Shared-Ride Program:

Shared-Ride door-to-door service is available to registered riders 65 years of age or older. It can be used for any kind of trip: medical appointments, shopping, recreation, senior centers, group outings and more.

**Reservations must be made by 12:00 PM the day before the service is needed** by calling **1-800-632-9063** or log onto **www.rabbittransit.org**.

#### Costs:

**60-64 years of age with a Medical Assistance card** you pay \$1.50 to \$8.25 for trips to and from a senior center or adult day care center only. If you do not have Medical Assistance you will be responsible for the full cost of transportation and should contact rabbittransit<sup>™</sup> directly for costs.

**Age 65 and older** pay nothing to and from a senior center or adult day care center; and between \$1.50 and \$6.75 based on other destinations.

**Note:** If you live within a two-block area of a scheduled fixed-route bus stop and travel to a location within two blocks of a public bus stop, you are required to use the bus rather than the SharedRide Program service.

#### Stop Hopper (MicroTransit Program):

"The Stop Hopper" offers same day service within minutes, with no advance registration process required. **Offered in certain zones of East York, Red Lion and parts of Dallastown**, it's easier than ever to get to your favorite shops and restaurants or to visit with your loved ones. "The Stop Hopper" is an on-demand shuttle providing door-to-door service. The Stop Hopper comes to pick you up at your location within the zone, and drives you to your desired location within the zoned service area. Each ride is free for all registered seniors 65 years and older.

You can book a ride right on your phone! Or the call center can assist you at **1-800-632-9063**. For additional information on rabbittransit<sup>™</sup> or to obtain an application, contact:

**rabbittransit**<sup>™</sup> 415 Zarfoss Drive York, PA 17404

**717-846-7433 or 1-800-632-9063** www.rabbittransit.org **Rider Hotline: 717-849-0740**  York County Area Agency on Aging

2401 Pleasant Valley Road York, PA 17402

**717-771-9610 or 1-800-632-9073** E-Mail: aging@yorkcountypa.gov

## **Automobile Insurance Discounts**

Pennsylvania has a mandated discount on automobile insurance for drivers (age 55 or older) who complete a mature driver improvement course. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the American Automobile Association (AAA), and the National Safety Council (NSC) conduct approved courses. You may contact them using the following information:

#### AARP 1-800-350-7025

#### www.aarpdriversafety.org

#### AAA

#### 1-877-476-1254

www.southpa.aaa.com/content/aaa-driver-training

NSC 1-800-621-7619

### For additional information contact the organizations listed above or the: PennDoT Bureau of Driver Licensing 1-800-412-5300

## **Motor Vehicle Registration**

If you are retired and have a total gross income from all sources not exceeding \$19,200 (each person), you may be eligible for a reduction in the cost of your motor vehicle registration fee from \$36 to \$10. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation form MV-371 must be submitted with each renewal.

For additional information or to receive this form contact the:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation 1101 South Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17014 1-800-932-4600 Website: www.dmv.state.pa.us

### York County Area Agency on Aging

2401 Pleasant Valley Road York, PA 17402 **717-771-9610** or **1-800-632-9073** 

## New Eyes Glasses For Those In Need

New Eyes assists individuals in the United States, who have no other resources to obtain a basic pair of eyeglasses so they can have clear vision and ensure their safety, help them do better in school and at work and improve their overall quality of life.

Approved applicants pay no out-of-pocket costs to receive their New Eyes glasses. We provide a basic pair of single or lined bifocal lenses at no cost to the client. Applicants must have an eyeglasses prescription dated within the last 24 months, including their pupillary distance (PD) measurement before applying. New Eyes purchases new prescription eyeglasses for low-income individuals in the U.S. through an e-voucher program.

**For applicants who need to renew an expired eyeglass prescription**, New Eyes does offer a prescription renewal vision test available through our application process.

#### To be eligible for our program, applicants must:

- Reside in a household with net monthly income below 250% of US Poverty Guidelines.
- Have had an eye exam with a pupillary distance measurement within the last 24 months. (If you have a prescription older than 24 months, you may be able to renew your prescription available through our online application.)

#### New Eyes does not pay for eye exams.

Contact us for assistance in locating free or low-cost eye exams.

#### A New Eyes e-voucher provides a basic pair of single or lined bifocal eyeglasses through our online dispenser.

#### Applications are submitted online.

It is optimal for social service agencies/ health advocates to apply on a client's behalf. However, individuals without access to an agency, may apply directly with proof of eligibility. If the application is approved, a unique e-voucher number is emailed with a link to our eyeglass ordering site and instructions on how to order eyeglasses.

Approved applicants must order glasses through New Eyes' online eyeglasses dispenser at: https://www.neweyesglasses.org/

For further questions about eligibility, please email:

info@new-eyes.org

## **EyeCare America**

EyeCare America, one of the country's leading public service programs provides eye care through a pool of more than 5,500 volunteer ophthalmologists. Since 1985, EyeCare America has helped more than 2 million people. Ninety percent of the care provided is at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

**The Seniors Program** connects eligible seniors 65 and older with local volunteer ophthalmologists who provide a medical eye exam often at no out-of-pocket cost, and up to one year of follow-up care for any condition diagnosed during the initial exam, for the physician services.

### **Eligibility for Seniors Program:**

- U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Age 65 or older
- Not belong to an HMO or have eye care benefits through the VA
- Not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years

**The Glaucoma Program** provides a glaucoma eye exam at no cost to those who are eligible and uninsured. Those who are eligible and insured are billed normal office procedure, and responsible for any co-payments. (This is an awareness program to provide a baseline glaucoma eye exam to those who may not be aware they are at increased risk).

### **Eligibility for Glaucoma Program:**

- U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Not belong to an HMO or have eye care benefits through the VA
- Not had an eye exam in 12 months or more
- At increased risk for glaucoma, determined by your age, race and family history

### SERVICES THAT ARE NOT COVERED:

Additional services necessary for your care such as hospitals, surgical facilities, anesthesiologists and medications, are the patient's responsibility and beyond the scope of EyeCare America services. The ophthalmologist is a volunteer who agrees to provide only services within these program guidelines.

### EYEGLASSES ARE NOT COVERED:

EyeCare America provides medical eye care only. The program does NOT provide eyeglass prescriptions or cover the cost of eye glasses. If you are concerned about the cost of these items, please discuss this with the doctor BEFORE the examination, or visit our eye glasses resources webpage.

**Contact: EyeCare America** Email: eyecareamerica@aao.org

### 877-887-6327

Noon - 4 pm Monday - Friday

## Libraries for the Blind & Physically Handicapped

These libraries provide reading materials recorded on phonograph, discs, and cassette tapes; braille materials; talking book machines and attachments; and, cassette recordings--in addition to the special library services maintained by all public libraries.

Services are available for all persons who are permanently or temporarily unable to read ordinary print without corrective glasses or persons unable to turn the pages of a book.

#### For additional information contact the:

#### Free Library of Philadelphia

1500 Spring Garden St., Suite 230 Philadelphia, PA 19130 **1-833-825-5357** https://www.freelibrary.org/

#### Vision Corps.

1380 Spahn Avenue York, PA 17403 **717-848-1690** Email: info@visioncorps.net

## Mission Cataract USA

The goal of Mission Cataract USA is to eradicate blindness due to cataracts and bring as many people as possible from blindness to useful productive lives.

Mission Cataract USA coordinated by the Volunteer Eye Surgeons' Association, is a program providing free cataract surgery to people who have no other means to pay. Surgeries are scheduled annually on one day, usually in May.

#### How is surgery performed?

In cataract surgery, the surgeon removes the eye's natural crystalline lens -- which has lost its transparency, causing blurred or distorted vision. Today, modern cataract surgery is an outpatient procedure. In most cases, the patient can return home the same day.

### Who is eligible for Mission Cataract USA?

To qualify applicants must have: poor vision, due to cataracts uncorrectable with glasses, which interferes with activities of daily living, no Medicare, Medicaid, or third party insurance coverage, and no other means to pay for cataract surgery.

#### To Find The Clinic Nearest To You. Call: 559-797-1629

## **Donated Dental Services**

Donated Dental Services (DDS) program provides free, comprehensive dental treatment to our country's most vulnerable people with disabilities, who are elderly, or medically fragile. These are people who cannot afford necessary treatment and cannot get public aid. The program operates through a volunteer network of more than 15,000 dentists and 3,700 dental labs across the United States. Dental insurance is used first, including dental benefits provided through Medicaid. DDS covers extensive dental treatment; it does not cover cleaning and regular checkups.

For additional information contact:

#### Dental Life Network Donated Dental Services (DDS) 1-717-776-3262

Website: www.dentallifeline.org/pennsylvania/

Applications are also available by contacting the: **York County Area Agency on Aging** 2401 Pleasant Valley Road York, PA 17402 **717-771-9610** or **1-800-632-9073** Email: aging@yorkcountypa.gov

## **PDA Reduced Rate Dental Program**

You may be eligible to obtain free or reduced-fee dental services at the following clinics:

Family First Health George Street Center 116 S. George Street York, PA 17401 717-845-8617 Monday thru Friday 7:15 am - 5 pm

#### Hoodner Dental Center Wellspan Health

Queensgate Shopping Center 2003 Springwood Road York, PA 17403 **717-812-7860** Mondays thru Friday 10 am - 1 pm Family First Health Hanover Center 1230 High Street Hanover, PA 17331 717-632-9052 Monday thru Friday 7:15 am - 5 pm

Wellspan (fmr York Hospital) Dental Center Queensgate Shopping Center 2003 Springwood Road York, PA 17403 717-851-2655 Monday & Tuesday, 8 am - 6:30 pm Wednesday thru Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10 am - 2 pm

## **Attorney Connection**

The York County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service, "Attorney Connection", provides assistance in locating a lawyer.

The Lawyer Referral Service can be contacted at: **717-854-8755 ext. 201** Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm An online referral can be made at **info@yorkbar.com** 

You will be asked to give your name, address, phone number, and a brief description of your situation to the referral representative. Upon receipt of a \$50 fee, the representative determines the area of law you need and will connect you to an attorney with experience in that area. **A 30-minute consultation is included with the \$50 fee.** 

The Modest Means program helps low-income families find affordable legal assistance in the areas of family and criminal law. Modest Means attorneys charge reduced rates. Eligibility is based on the type of legal matter, household income, asset level, and availability of Modest Means attorneys. If you qualify, there is a \$25 application processing fee. Download applications at: https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.yorkbar.com/resource/resmgr/lawyer\_referral\_mm/2022\_client\_application\_fina.pdf (select "For the Public" tab).

## SeniorLAW Helpline

The Pennsylvania SeniorLAW Helpline is a free and confidential telephone service, staffed by attorneys providing legal information, advice and referrals to senior citizens.

- The helpline is open to Pennsylvania residents 60 years of age or older.
- Services are limited to legal advice, counseling, information and referrals.
- Helpline attorneys will advise callers on any civil legal matter, to the extent they are able.
- No brief services are performed.
- Legal Helpline clients needing representation are referred to their local area legal service, Title IIIB project or the Bar.

Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Callers may leave messages during call hours only. Callers cannot leave messages during Helpline downtime and will be instructed to call back during Helpline hours.

Contact the SeniorLAW Helpline at: SeniorLAW Center Two Penn Center 1650 Arch Street, Ste. 1800 Philadelphia, PA 19103

**1-877-PA SR LAW** (1-877-727-7529) Website: www.seniorlawcenter.org

## **Rent-a-Kid**

The Rent-A-Kid Program, sponsored by the York County Area Agency on Aging, is an intergenerational program bringing older adults and teenagers together.

York County adults 60 years of age or older who need help with various household chores, including light housekeeping, lawn mowing, yard work, snow removal, technology assistance, and other odd jobs can contact the York County Area Agency on Aging to obtain a listing of "kids" in their community. The older adult is asked to reimburse the "kid" a negotiated rate of at least minimum wage based on the job.

The "kids" are York County students in grades 7 through 12. They must complete an application and have it signed by their parent and school guidance counselor. (Home-schooled kids are also eligible.) The kids are then entered into a regional database.

When the older adult contacts the agency, they are matched electronically with kids in their area. The older adults and kids are not screened by the York County Area Agency on Aging.

For more information, call: York County Area Agency on Aging 717-771-9103 or 800-632-9073

## Hunting & Fishing Licenses

Adults aged 65 years or older are eligible for reduced rates on hunting and fishing licenses. Hunting licenses are \$13.97 (lifetime basic hunting license is \$51.97). Fishing licenses are \$14.47 (lifetime fishing license is \$86.97). Proof of age is required. Free hunting and fishing licenses are available for Pennsylvania veterans with one hundred percent (100%) service-connected disabilities; or \$2.97 for 60% - 99% disabled veteran.

For additional information contact:

### **York County Treasurer's Office**

28 East Market Street York, PA 17401-1584 **717-771-9224** http://www.yorkcountypa.gov

### Pennsylvania Game Commission

2001 Elmerton Avenue Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797 **717-787-4250** http://www.pgc.state.pa.us Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission 1601 Elmerton Avenue Harrisburg, PA 17106 717-705-7800 http://www.fishandboat.com

## Pennsylvania Historical Sites & Museums

PHMC preserves Pennsylvania's most treasured objects at its historic sites and museums. These artifacts celebrate the commonwealth's social, cultural, natural and economic diversity. Adults age 65+ may be eligible for reduced admission to state museums and historical sites. Pricing for each museum or site varies.

> For additional information contact the: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** State Museum Building 300 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120 **717-787-3362**

> For museum / site previews and information, visit: http://www.phmc.pa.gov

## Pennsylvania State Parks

Adults 62 years of age or older are eligible for free admission to all Pennsylvania state parks, free use of most state park facilities and classes. Pavilion rentals, swimming pool passes, and camping fees are also reduced.

### NOTE: National parks also offer special opportunities.

For additional information contact:

Any Pennsylvania State Park Office or the Bureau of State Parks Rachel Carson State Office Building, 8 Floor 400 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17105 717-787-2869

> Or go online at: http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us

## **Keeping In Touch**

York County Area Agency on Aging promotes the independence of older adults through education, advocacy, and coordination of community-based services. Our primary commitment is to deliver quality services to older adults with the greatest social and economic needs. As resources allow, we may serve others with similar characteristics. We strive to be a leader in bringing our communities together to keep people well, involved, and independent. If you would like to find out more about the York County Area Agency on Aging, we offer several ways for our local older adults to find us and keep in touch with new information.

#### The York County Area Agency on Aging Office

2401 Pleasant Valley Road York, PA 17401 (near York Galleria Mall & Eastern Market)

#### Phone 717-771-9610 or 1-800-632-9073

**Email** aging@yorkcountypa.gov

Website: http://www.ycaaa.org

#### **New Horizons Newspaper**

(3x's per year) To receive for free via mail at your home call **717-771-9610** or email **aging@yorkcountypa.gov** 

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