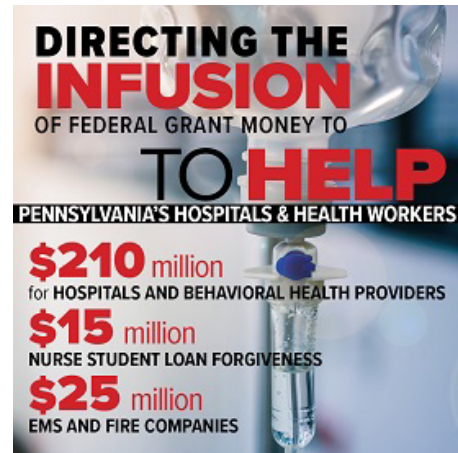


## New Funding on the Way for PA's Health Care Heroes

Recognizing the sacrifices our health care workers have been making each and every day throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the House and Senate have advanced legislation calling for a \$250 million infusion of funding to help. The first part of a two-bill package includes \$210 million for hospitals and behavioral health care providers to provide recruitment and retention payments to nurses and other employees involved in direct patient care activities, environmental services or clinical care services. Specifically, \$100 million is directed to all hospitals while \$110 million goes to critical access hospitals, high Medicaid-use facilities and behavioral health providers. Local health care facilities will receive the following:



- **Good Samaritan Hospital \$464,057**
- **New Perspectives at White Deer Run \$144,564**
- **Philhaven Hospital \$516,926**

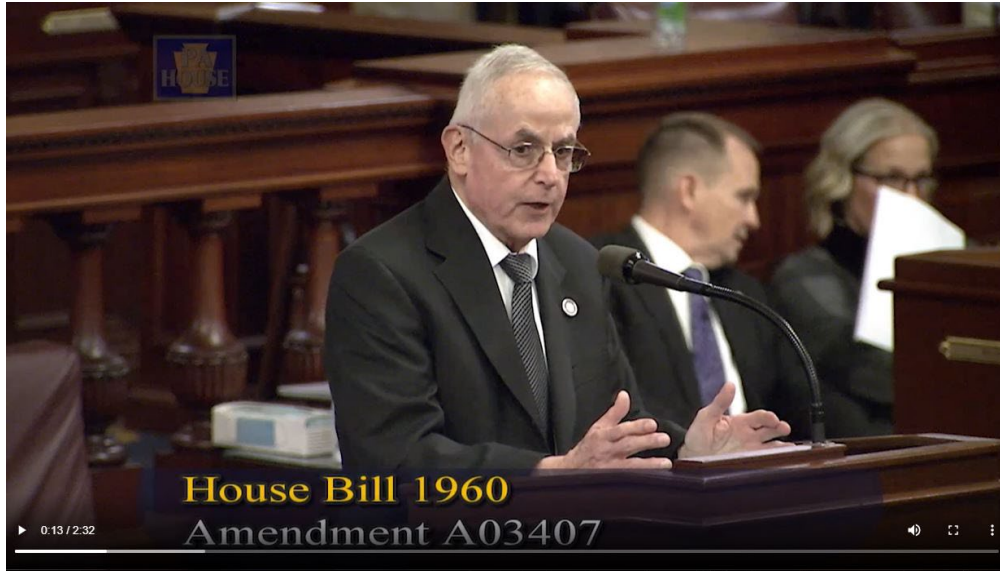
[House Bill 253](#), which passed both chambers this week and was signed into law by the governor, also provides \$15 million in funding for the nurse student loan forgiveness through the [Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency](#). The second part of the two-bill package will provide \$25 million in funding for fire and emergency medical services providers. That measure is expected to be considered early next month.

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## Let Business Startups Recoup Losses and Grow Our Economy

On Monday in the House, we debated an amendment to a bill I am co-sponsoring that aims to attract employers to Pennsylvania and provide the kind of jobs and growth needed here. During debate, I spoke out against an amendment to [House Bill 1960](#) as it would remove or weaken benefits provided in the underlying bill. The amendment failed by a vote of 110-90. Listen to my remarks below.

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## How Legislative Redistricting Affects You!

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This week, I took the opportunity to explain legislative redistricting and how a constitutional amendment I am proposing would improve the process and Pennsylvania's standing going forward. [Listen here.](#)

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## **Wolf Vetoes Congressional Redistricting Map**

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On Monday, the House sent a congressional redistricting map to Gov. Tom Wolf, which was drawn by a Pennsylvania citizen, amended, and approved by the state House and Senate. The map, which is redrawn every 10 years as required by the U.S. Constitution, determines the congressional district boundaries. This process is being done in all states across the country to ensure voters in each district have fair and equal representation in Congress. Over the past several months, the House State Government Committee, of which I am a member, held a dozen public hearings across the Commonwealth to gather feedback from residents that helped shape the final map. Last evening, the governor vetoed [House Bill 2146](#), effectively leaving it up to the courts to decide district boundaries. For more information, [click here](#).

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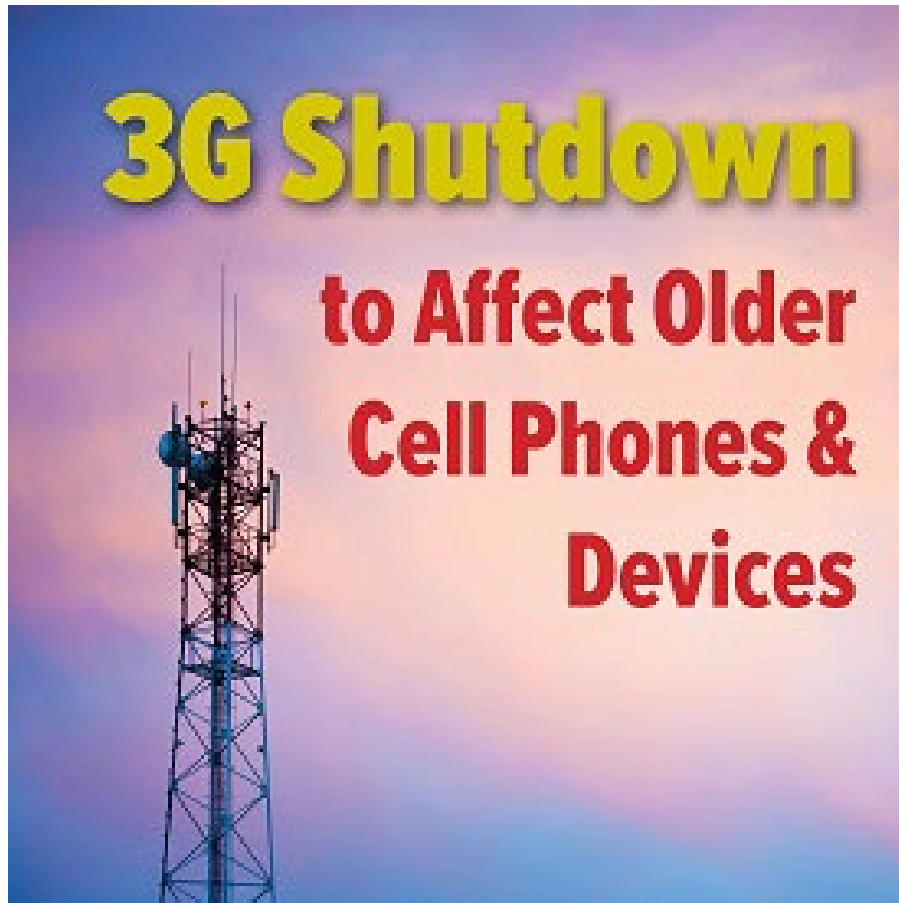


## 2021 Property Tax and Rent Rebate Applications Available Now

Pennsylvanians who are eligible for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program can apply now ([link](#)) for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2021. Applicants do not need to pay anyone for assistance. FREE help is available by contacting my district office. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners. The deadline to apply is June 30. Rebates will be distributed beginning July 1. For more information and to apply, [visit here](#).



## 3G Network Shutdown Underway



Mobile carriers have begun shutting down their 3G networks to make room for more advanced technology services, like 5G. Impacted devices include 3G and certain 4G cellphones that do not support Voice Over LTE, as well as medical alert devices, home security systems and tablets that run off the 3G network. To learn how this change could impact you, and a general timeline of when these transitions will take place, [click here](#).

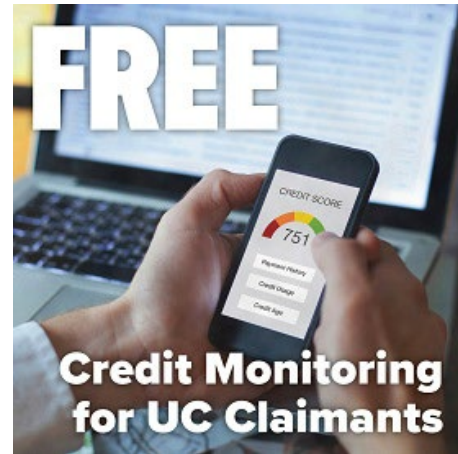
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## UC Claimants to be Eligible for Free Credit Monitoring

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The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) is offering free credit-monitoring services to all unemployment compensation (UC) claimants relative to an ongoing investigation of unusual account changes within the UC system. The issue is part of an FBI and Homeland Security investigation into what appears to be a highly sophisticated, coordinated effort to infiltrate various government systems. At this time, there has been no confirmed data breach. L&I is encouraging any UC claimant who believes their account has experienced an unusual change to contact the department either [online](#) or by calling the PA Fraud Hotline at **1-800-692-7469**. Information about registering for the free credit monitoring services is coming soon. Additional details [are available here](#).



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## Ensuring Emergency Procurement is Reserved for Emergencies



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At a meeting of the House State Government Committee, on which I serve, I offered my support for [House Bill 2159](#), which would ensure the state's emergency procurement process is only used in urgent circumstances. I also expressed the need to streamline the procurement process to improve

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efficiencies. Listen above.

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## Students: Apply Now for House Fellowship Program

The Pennsylvania House Fellowship Program is accepting applications for its Summer 2022 session. The 13-week program is based at Pennsylvania's Capitol Building in Harrisburg where fellows are assigned to committee chair and House leadership offices. Qualified applicants must be:

- Undergraduate juniors and seniors, graduate students or law school students.
- Enrolled in a Pennsylvania college/university or a Pennsylvania resident enrolled in an out-of-state institution.
- Students of any major with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

For more information or to apply, visit [pahousefellowship.us](http://pahousefellowship.us). Applications can be submitted via email to [pahousefellowship@pabmc.net](mailto:pahousefellowship@pabmc.net). The deadline to apply is March 1.

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