



# PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE DEADLINE NEARS

## Deadline Nears for Property Tax/ Rent Rebate Program

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - Older adults and Pennsylvanians with disabilities have until Dec. 31 to apply for the state's 2020 Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. Remember, assistance through my offices is always free. You need not pay a private firm for assistance.

The rebate 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.

For additional information and applications, click here, or contact my office for assistance.

## St. Lukes

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bone-replacement procedure. "This novel implant really helped Rebecca so she can walk again."

After her surgery, Chopek wore a cast for three weeks to allow the wound to heal, followed by a walking boot. After three weeks, she started with Physical Therapy at St. Luke's in Kresgeville for range-of-motion work, and by six weeks was bearing weight. At week eight, she was out of the boot and wearing a supportive sneaker.

Said her physical therapist Bob Thourot, PT, "Rebecca had significant loss of function and mobility, which affected her ability to perform her daily activities, but she was extremely motivated to return to normal. She participated well in therapy and was able to regain her functional mobility through increasingly challenging exercises. In the end her Gait pattern dramatically improved, and she returned to work."

Chopek says she's "75-80 percent back to normal and hoping for more improvement." As a vet technician, she knows she will need to be on her feet for long periods of time, and she's looking forward to it.

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