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### **Health Department Offers Free Home Inspections to Eligible Owners/Renters**

**PITTSBURGH** – The Allegheny County Health Department is offering eligible homeowners and renters free inspections that identify health and safety hazards and offer recommendations on how to make their homes healthier.

The Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Program, funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Maternal and Child Health grant, is available to residents of 11 counties – Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland.

The program offers a visual inspection for potential hazards, which includes allergen identification; asthma triggers; carbon monoxide dangers; hazardous materials storage; mold/moisture issues; ventilation problems; pests; radon infiltration; lead-based paint exposures; electrical/fire safety; and exterior hazards. The inspections are designed to help owners/renters recognize situations in their home that could cause illness or injury. Families can learn what hazards are present and how to fix them.

There is a three-step process that includes a pre-inspection questionnaire, the environmental home assessment itself and a follow-up questionnaire 60 days after families are given their recommendations. The program does not provide remediation assistance, but only inspection results and recommendations.

To qualify, a family must own or rent a dwelling in one of the 11 counties, have someone 17 or younger living in the home, and be at or below 300% of federal poverty guidelines (\$69,151 for a family of four).

For more information or to apply for the program, please call **412-350-4048**.

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