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Quick Guide to State, Federal and County Programs for Older Adults

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PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED (PAAD)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Co-pay is \$5.00 for generic drug & \$7.00 for brand name drug. Medicare beneficiaries must also enroll in a Medicare Part D drug plan with monthly premium not above the regional benchmark. Medicare Advantage participants must add a prescription benefit to their coverage (MA-PD) and PAAD pays up to the regional benchmark amount.	Must be NJ resident for at least 30 days. Must be 65 or older OR receiving Social Security Disability. *Gross annual income limit is less than: Single: \$28,769 (\$2,397 month) Married: \$35,270 (\$2,939 month)	For further details and an application contact Division of Senior Services at 201-336-7400 Or PAAD/Senior Gold 1-800-792-9745. Go to www.aging.nj.gov for NJ Save online application.	If current health insurance or retirement benefits with prescription coverage is equal to or better than PAAD or if you are receiving Medicaid then you do not qualify. Mail paper application to: PAAD/Senior Gold PO Box 637 Trenton, NJ 08646-0637 www.njpaad.gov

SENIOR GOLD PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT PROGRAM

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Co-pay is \$15 plus 50% of the remaining cost of the prescription drug. Medicare beneficiaries must enroll in a Medicare plan with prescription coverage (Part D) or MA-PD for Medicare Advantage participants. Senior Gold <u>does not</u> pay for Medicare Part D or MA-PD costs.	Must be a NJ resident for at least 30 days, 65 years or older OR receiving Social Security Disability. *Gross annual income between: Single: \$28,769 and \$38,769 (\$2,397 - \$3,230 mo.) Married: \$35,270 and \$45,270 (\$2,939 - \$3,772 mo.)	For further details and an application contact Division of Senior Services at 201-336-7400 Or PAAD/Senior Gold 1-800-792-9745. Go to www.aging.nj.gov for NJ Save online application.	Check if you have creditable coverage before applying. When annual out-of-pocket expenses reach catastrophic cap Single: \$2,000; Couple: \$3,000 then there is only flat co-pay of \$15 during the eligibility period. www.njsgold.gov

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
<p>Medicare Part D is an optional program, which adds prescription drug coverage to original Medicare. There are monthly premiums, co-pay and may include annual deductible. Plans run on a calendar year and cover about 75% of drug costs until one reaches cap level. Any further drug costs for the remainder of the year will be out-of-pocket (about 25%) unless one reaches a catastrophic level then there will be a flat rate or 5% co-pay.</p>	<p>Must be enrolled in Medicare, either Part A or Part B. There is a penalty for late enrollment in Medicare Part D when first eligible. PAAD participants and dual eligible (Medicare/Medicaid) must enroll in a Medicare Part D “benchmark plan”. Those who have been determined to have creditable coverage may not need to enroll. Benchmark plans for dual eligible and PAAD participants are premium free and are also waived late enrollment penalty. Rx plan’s cap limit, deductibles, gap coverage <u>do not</u> apply.</p>	<p>Annual open enrollment period begins October 15th to December 7th</p> <p>For more information and to research plans call: SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) 201-336-7413 or contact Medicare 1-800-MEDICARE</p>	<p>Check creditable coverage statements before enrolling in any Medicare Part D plan.</p> <p>Medicare Prescription drug benefit is also available as part of a Medicare Advantage Plan (MA). Those who have MA plans <u>without</u> Rx coverage should not enroll in a Medicare Part D “stand alone” plan.</p> <p>The Medicare Part D benchmark premium for NJ in 2021 is \$37.33</p> <p>www.medicare.gov</p>

MEDICARE COSTS

<p><u>Medicare Part A:</u> Hospital insurance helps pay for inpatient hospital care and certain follow-up services</p> <p><u>Medicare Part B:</u> Medical insurance helps pay for physician services, outpatient hospital care and other medical services</p> <p><u>Medicare Part C:</u> Medicare Advantage Plans All Medicare covered health care services through a provider network plan.</p>	<p>Medicare is health insurance for people age 65 or older and eligible for Social Security benefits based on their own or their spouse’s employment. Medicare is also for those with disabilities and/or permanent kidney damage. Medicare covers about 80% of your allowable medical expenses after deductible is met.</p> <p>www.medicare.gov</p> <p>Medicare Rights Center for appeals: www.medicarerights.org 1-800-333-4114</p>	<p><u>Part A Hospital Deductibles and Co-Payment per benefit period:</u> 1-60 days \$1,484 deductible 61-90 days \$371 per day 91-150 is \$742 per day (lifetime reserve days)</p> <p><u>Part A Co-Payments in Skilled Nursing Facility:</u> Days 1-20: \$0 after 3-day qualifying hospital stay Days 21- 100: \$185.50/day</p> <p><u>Part A monthly premium:</u> 40 or more quarters: \$0 30-39 quarters: \$259/month < 30 quarters: \$471/month</p>	<p><u>Part B Medical Insurance:</u> Standard monthly premium \$148.50 or less if protected by “hold harmless” provision.</p> <p>Part B premiums may be higher based on income related monthly-adjusted amount (IRMAA).</p> <p>Part B annual deductible: \$203/yr.</p>
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HEARING AID ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED (HAAAD)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
<p>\$100.00 reimbursement toward the purchase of a hearing aid.</p>	<p>Income limits are less than: Single: \$28,769 (\$2,397 month) Married: \$35,270 (\$2,939 month)</p>	<p>If currently enrolled in PAAD or Lifeline then complete a HAAAD application with hearing aid receipt and a written statement by a physician that attests for medical necessity. For those that are not enrolled in PAAD or Lifeline then must complete a NJ SAVE application.</p>	<p align="center">HAAAD PO BOX 715 Trenton, NJ 08625-0715 1-800-792-9745</p>

NJ SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FOOD STAMPS)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
<p>Benefit used to purchase food at authorized retail stores. Families First Electronic Benefits Transfer card (EBT card) are issued to recipients, which works similar to a debit card.</p>	<p>185% of Federal Poverty Level From October 2020 to September 2021 Household size: (1) \$1,968/month (2) \$2,658/month</p> <p>Resources may count to determine eligibility in certain cases. Countable resource limits for 60 years of age and older is \$3,500.</p> <p>You can own a home and qualify. Retirement and pension funds are not counted depending on withdrawal activity. Licensed vehicles may count as a resource unless used under certain exclusions and may be subject to an equity test.</p>	<p><u>Apply in person:</u> Board of Social Services 218 Route 17 N. Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662 Tel: 201-368-4200 Hours: M-Fri. 8 am to 4:30 (Tues. until 8:00 pm)</p> <p><u>Apply online:</u> www.njhelps.org</p> <p>For paper application or apply at community outreach locations listed: www.bcbss.com</p>	<p>Note Well: Income limits vary. Elderly or disabled member may be eligible for Food Stamps even if the gross monthly income exceeds the income eligibility because medical and shelter deductibles are applied.</p> <p>NJ SNAP Information Line: 1-800-687-9512</p> <p>Once application is submitted then an eligibility interview is typically completed over the phone or in-person.</p> <p>SNAP Special Rules for the Elderly or Disabled: www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligibility/elderly-disabled-special-rules</p>

MEDICARE SAVING PROGRAMS (QMB-Only, SLMB, SLMB-QI-1)

QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (QMB-ONLY)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Assist with the costs for Medicare Part A & B premium; Part A, B & C deductibles and co-pay; Part D and Medicare Advantage plan drug premium up to benchmark amount \$37.33	<p><u>Single</u>: \$13,120 yr. (\$1,094/mo.)* <u>Couple</u>: \$17,660 yr. (\$1,472/mo.)*</p> <p><u>Resources</u>: Single: \$7,970 Couple: \$11,960</p> <p>QMB-Plus Resources are lower: S: \$4,000 C: \$6,000</p>	Board of Social Services 201-368-4200	100% FPL (Federal Poverty Level) + \$20/month or \$240/annual income disregard. * <u>Income disregard</u> : Add \$20/month unearned income to the monthly amount or \$240 to the annual income. If receiving income from employment, \$65/month plus one-half of remainder of gross salary is not counted.

SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (SLMB) & (SLMB QI-1)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
<p><u>SLMB</u> Pays for Medicare Part B premium, Part D and Medicare Advantage plan drug premium up to benchmark amount \$37.33</p>	<p><u>Single</u>: Income between \$13,120 yr. (\$1,094/mo.) AND \$15,696 yr. (\$1,308/mo.) *</p> <p><u>Couple</u>: Income between \$17,660 yr. (\$1,472/mo.) AND \$21,144 yr. (\$1,762/mo.) *</p> <p><u>Resources</u>: S: \$7,970 C: \$11,960</p>	State of New Jersey Division of Aging Services 1-800-792-9745 <u>NJSave</u> application or print paper application www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/njsave/	*SLMB income is between 100% to 120% FPL + income disregard (See explanation for income disregard above) *LIS allows additional resources up to \$1,500 per person for burial expenses.
<p><u>SLMB-QI-1</u> Pays for Medicare Part B premium, Part D and Medicare Advantage plan drug premium up to benchmark amount \$37.33</p>	<p><u>Single</u>: Income between \$15,696 yr. (\$1,308/mo.) AND \$17,226 yr. (\$1,469/mo.) *</p> <p><u>Couple</u>: Income between \$21,144 yr. (\$1,762/mo.) AND \$23,757 yr. (\$1,980/mo.) *</p> <p><u>Resources</u>: S: \$7,970 C: \$11,960</p>	State of New Jersey Division of Aging Services 1-800-792-9745 <u>NJSave</u> application or print paper application www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/njsave/	*SLMB-QI-1 income is between 120% to 135% FPL + income disregard (See explanation for income disregard above) *LIS allows additional resources up to \$1,500 per person for burial expenses.

SOCIAL SECURITY

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Source of income after retirement, determined disabled or eligible for survivor benefits.	<p>Most people need 40 credits (10 years of work) to qualify for benefits. Younger people need fewer credits to be eligible for disability benefits or for survivor's benefits when the worker dies. Receive full benefit amount when choosing to retire when one reaches full retirement age. Reduced benefits if one retires before full retirement age. Full retirement age for those born between 1943 and 1954 is 66. For those born in 1960 or later is 67.</p> <p>*Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries receive a 1.3% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2021</p>	<p>Contact Social Security from 7 a.m. to 7p.m. Mon.-Fri. 1-800-772-1213, TTY 1-800-325-0778</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Social Security Continental Plaza, 401 Hackensack Ave, Second Floor Hackensack, NJ 07601</p> <p>Office Hours: M-Fri. 9-4pm</p>	<p>Set up a <i>my social security</i> account online www.ssa.gov and get access to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a benefit verification letter • Request replacement Social Security and Medicare card • Change of address and phone number <p style="text-align: center;">And more....</p>

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

WHAT IT DOES	PAYMENT	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Provides payments to persons who are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have limited income and resources. Must be citizen or meet non-citizen requirements.	<p>Combined federal and state maximum payment for individual/couple living alone or with others in own household:</p> <p><u>Individual</u>: \$825/month <u>Couple</u>: \$1216/month</p> <p>Resources you own must be less than: <u>Single</u>: \$2,000 <u>Couple</u>: \$3,000</p>	<p>Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213 www.ssa.gov</p>	<p>Not all SSI recipients receive the maximum amount. SSI does not count the value of certain resources such as a burial plot, value of the home and car. Payments are determined by your living situation and if you receive other maintenance and support.</p>

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
<p><u>Universal Service Fund (USF)</u> Receive credit on utility bill for gas & electric.</p>	<p><u>Universal Service Fund (USF):</u> *Gross income limits for a household (1) \$23,604/yr. (\$1,967/mo.) (2) \$31,896/yr. (\$2,658/mo.)</p> <p>USF income must be below 175% FPL & pay more than 3% of annual income for electric & natural gas. Household with electric heat must spend more than 6% of annual income on electricity</p>	<p>All programs under LIHEAP are in one application.</p> <p>The application period is October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021</p> <p>Greater Bergen Community Action Submit applications by:</p> <p>Email: LIHEAP@greaterbergen.org</p>	<p><u>PSE&G Customer Service Center</u> 214 Hudson Street Hackensack 1-800-357-2262 1-800-436-7734 ----- <u>NJ Board of Public Utilities</u> Utility Complaints: 1-800-624-0241 Cable TV complaints: 1-800-624-0331 www.bpu.state.nj.us ----- -----<u>USF:</u> 1-800-510-3102</p>
<p><u>Heating:</u> Must be responsible for directly paying your own heat. This also applies to heat included in rent</p> <p><u>Cooling</u> Benefit is \$200 and applicant must have a medical condition that requires the use of any cooling device.</p> <p><u>Winter Termination:</u> Provides protection from having your gas and/or electric shut-off from Nov. 15th - March 15th (Program may continue past March 15 if cold weather persists) Winter Termination Program applies to those households who receive NJ Lifeline credit, PAAD, LIHEAP, SSI, NJ SHARES, U.S.F., GA, TANF or unable to pay because of circumstances beyond your control.</p> <p><u>Weatherization:</u> The weatherization program lowers heating cost through home improvement for heat loss due to poor insulation or inefficient heating system. Repairs such as faulty windows and doors, install high efficiency insulation, repair or replace boilers, furnaces, water heaters, air filters, etc.</p>	<p><u>Heating, Cooling, Winter Termination, Weatherization:</u> *Gross income limits for a household size: (1) \$25,524 yr. (\$2,127/mo.) (2) \$34,476 yr. (\$2,873/mo.)</p> <p>Entire household is counted for all programs. Income must be below 200% of FPL. Persons who live in public housing and/or receive rental assistance are not eligible for assistance, unless they pay for their own heating costs directly to the fuel supplier.</p>	<p>Deliver to drop box locations: 261 State Street Hackensack, NJ 07601 OR 535 Midland Avenue Garfield, NJ 07026</p> <p>Call: 201-488-5100</p>	<p>----- <u>USF:</u> 1-800-510-3102</p> <p>GBCA Headquarters: 392 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 201-968-0200 www.greaterbergen.org</p>

LIFELINE CREDIT PROGRAM

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Benefit provides a \$225 annual credit on electric and gas utility bill.	Must be either a PAAD, SSI, Medicaid recipient or meet PAAD eligibility requirements then need to complete NJ Save application Medicaid recipient are sent Lifeline applications automatically. *Gross annual income limit is less than: Single: \$28,769 (\$2,397 month) Married: \$35,270 (\$2,939 month)	PAAD/Lifeline 1-800-792-9745 Division of Senior Services/ADRC 201- 336-7400	<i>Tenants Lifeline Assistance Program:</i> Eligible tenants receive a \$225 credit by check if utilities are included in their rent. <i>Special Utility Supplement:</i> SSI recipients receive a supplement of up to \$18.75/month that is automatically included in their SSI checks. SSI recipients should <u>not</u> file an application

COMFORT PARTNERS

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Assists to lower natural gas & electric bills through energy education and installation of energy saving home improvements.	250% FPL income limits for a household size: (1) \$32,200/yr. (\$2,683/mo.) (2) \$43,550/yr. (\$3,629/mo.)	Call 1-800-915-8309 www.njcleanenergy.com	Program representatives will work with each household to evaluate current level of energy efficiency. This program is available through June 30, 2021 or while funds last.

VERIZON NJ COMMUNICATIONS LIFELINE

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Verizon offers Lifeline discount plans for home phone service (landline) OR FIOS broadband (internet) service.	Receive benefits from one of these programs: Medicaid, SNAP (Food Stamps), SSI, Federal Public Housing, Veterans Pension or Survivor's benefit. OR Eligibility based on household income below 135% FPL: 1-\$17,388/yr. (\$1,449/mo.) 2-\$23,517/yr. (\$1,960/mo.)	USAC/Lifeline application: www.njsharesgreen.org/telecommunications-applications/ NJ SHARES 1-866-657-4273 info@njshares.org Mail/Fax or email application with required documents to: New Jersey SHARES 4 Walter E. Foran Boulevard, Suite 105 Flemington, NJ 08822 Fax: 609-883-0133 telco@njshares.org	Documents for Medicaid, SNAP and SSI are <u>NOT</u> required to be sent with application. Lifeline discount also provides free wireless (cell phone) service. Most commonly used providers are Assurance Wireless and Safe Link. www.assurancewireless.com www.safelinkwireless.com

NJ SHARES

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Utility assistance Water bill Verizon Communication Lifeline Lead paint remediation	Financial assistance during unexpected circumstances	NJ SHARES 866-657-4273 www.njsharesgreen.org	Application for NJ SHARES available all year.

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WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Utility assistance program during financial hardship. PAGE stands for Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric.	Maximum income guidelines per individual/household size: (1) \$64,183 (2) \$83,932 Liquid assets below \$15,000 Must meet program requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 days or more past due balance • Received a shut-off notice or service has already been disconnected. • Minimum \$100 account balance. 	Online applications available. www.njpoweron.org Also have the option to download and print, mail, fax or email and track application. Mail to: 59 Broad St. Eatontown, NJ 07724 Fax: 732-440-4765 Email: pageapp@housingall.org	The Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA) is the administrator for the PAGE program and funded by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU). For additional information call: 732-982-8710

New Jersey Family Care ABD (Aged, Blind, Disabled)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Full Medicaid coverage pays for physician in office, hospital or nursing home or other medical facility & cost of prescribed drugs, eye glasses, dentists, podiatrist, mental health service, ambulance services, hospice, and home health care.	Persons 65 years of age or older, blind or permanently disabled who may not be eligible for SSI. Maximum gross income: Single: \$12,880 yr. (\$1,073/month) Couple: \$17,420 yr. (\$1,452/month) Maximum allowable resources for : Single: \$4,000; Couple: \$6,000	Board of Social Services 218 Route 17 North Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 Tel: 201-368-4200 Weekdays 8 am thru 4:30 pm Go to www.bcbss.com to access an online Aged Blind Disabled application or request paper application by mail.	<u>Additional contact options:</u> Email: customerservice@bcbss.com Customer Service Hotline: (201) 368-4273 NJ Family Care 1-800-356-1561 Medicaid District office 973-977-4077

Managed Long Term Services and Support (MLTSS)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
<p>M.L.T.S.S. works with NJ Family care MCO's (Managed Care Organization) to coordinate acute and primary health care services in the community and long term care facility.</p>	<p>Must meet financial, clinical, age and/or disability requirements. Must be 65 years of age and older OR 21 -64 yrs. old and determined disabled by SSA or by Disability Review Section- Division of the Medical Assistance and Health Services-NJDHS. Must be a U.S. Citizen or a Qualified Alien.</p> <p><u>M.L.T.S.S.</u> Single: \$2,382 Maximum Resources: \$2,000</p> <p>**If income is above \$2,382 then can create a Qualified Income Trust (QIT).</p> <p>**The maximum resources may be higher for applicant that is married or for a married couple that are <u>both</u> applying.</p>	<p>For information and screening process call Division of Senior Services ADRC 201-336-7400 Financial screening process: Board of Social Services at 201-368-7667 www.bcbss.com</p> <p><u>Managed Care Organizations:</u> <u>Aetna</u> 1-855-232-3596 <u>Amerigroup NJ</u> 1-800-600-4441 <u>Horizon NJ Health</u> 1-877-765-4325 <u>United Healthcare</u> 1-800-941-4647 <u>Wellcare</u> 1-888-453-2534</p>	<p>To enroll in a Medicaid MCO : 1-866-472-5338</p> <p><u>Institutional Medicaid:</u> Single: \$2,382 Maximum Resources: \$2,000</p> <p>www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/home/mltss.html</p>

JERSEY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY CAREGIVING (JACC)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS																							
<p>JACC provides in-home services to seniors at risk of placement in a nursing facility. JACC services are designed to supplement the cost and help given by the caregiver.</p>	<p>New Jersey resident age 60 and older that: -Require a nursing facility level of care and wish to remain at home. -Not financially eligible for Medicaid or Medicaid Waiver Services. -Meets legal status requirements.</p> <p>Single: \$3,918/mo. Maximum resources: \$40,000</p> <p>Married: \$5,299/mo. Maximum resources: \$60,000</p>	<p>For information and an initial screening process call Division of Senior Services/ADRC: 201-336-7400</p>	<p>Participants of JACC have a co-pay that is determined by an income-based sliding scale.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1270 998 1885 1274"> <thead> <tr> <th>Individual</th> <th>Couple</th> <th>Co-pay Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>\$0--\$1,428</td> <td>\$0-\$1,931</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$1,429-\$1,878</td> <td>\$1,932 -\$2,540</td> <td>\$15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$1,879-\$2,415</td> <td>\$2,541 -\$3,266</td> <td>\$30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$2,416-\$2,952</td> <td>\$3,267-\$3,992</td> <td>\$60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$2,953-\$3,488</td> <td>\$3,993-\$4,718</td> <td>\$90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$3,489-\$3,918</td> <td>\$4,719-\$5,299</td> <td>\$120.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>2021 Monthly Income Limits:</u> Individual: \$3,918 Couple: \$5,299 <u>Standard Medical Deductions:</u> Individual: \$235 Couple: \$456 Cost cap in services not to exceed \$600/month or \$7,200 annually.</p>			Individual	Couple	Co-pay Amount	\$0--\$1,428	\$0-\$1,931	\$0.00	\$1,429-\$1,878	\$1,932 -\$2,540	\$15.00	\$1,879-\$2,415	\$2,541 -\$3,266	\$30.00	\$2,416-\$2,952	\$3,267-\$3,992	\$60.00	\$2,953-\$3,488	\$3,993-\$4,718	\$90.00	\$3,489-\$3,918	\$4,719-\$5,299	\$120.00
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STATEWIDE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Provides a short term and intermittent break (“Respite”) to unpaid caregivers that includes spouse, family members, neighbor, friend who are responsible for basic daily care. The program offers care recipients services such as home care, companion care, adult day care, campership, or a short stay in a long term care facility. There is also a Caregiver Directed Option for the caregiver to pay for services or items that are reimbursed.	<p>Care recipients are either a frail elderly adult or disabled individual that is 18 or over and resides in the community. Individuals must have a caregiver that provides daily care. The care recipient must not be on Medicaid or receiving home care services through other programs such as JACC, MLTSS, VA Aid & Attendance, etc.</p> <p><u>Maximum income and resources:</u> Single: \$28,584 yr. (\$2,382/month) Resources: \$40,000;</p> <p>Couple: \$57,168 yr. (\$4,764/month) Resources: \$60,000</p>	Apply for Statewide Respite Services by calling: Bergen County Division on Disability Services 201-336-6503 or 201-336-6506	Income is assessed on a sliding scale and cost share begins at income level \$1,151/month for single and \$2,302/month for a couple.

HOMESTEAD BENEFIT

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Provides property tax relief to eligible homeowners.	<p>You may be eligible for a New Jersey Homestead Benefit if you were a New Jersey resident that owned and occupied a home in New Jersey that was your <u>principal</u> residence on October 1 (year stated on application) AND property taxes were paid on that home AND met the income requirements. Maximum income limits (Single/Married/Civil Union):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$150,000 for homeowners age 65 or older, blind or disabled ▪ \$75,000 for homeowners under age 65 and not blind or disabled. 	<p>File applications online or by phone 1-877-658-2972</p> <p>Homestead Benefit Hotline: 1-888-238-1233</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income eligibility does not include Social Security and any income that is not subject to NJ tax • For current eligibility update and due date please refer to NJ Division of Taxation www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml • 2017 was the latest Homestead Benefit application and the deadline was December 2, 2019.

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT (SENIOR FREEZE)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
<p>Provides tax relief for homeowners by reimbursing the difference between the amount of property taxes paid for the base year and the amount paid for the year you are applying. The base year is the year you first become eligible for the program and you must meet all requirements up to the year you claim reimbursement.</p>	<p>Total annual income for PTR-1 (Single/Married/Civil Union) : 2019: \$91,505 or less 2020: \$92,969 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 65 years of age or older or on Social Security Disability on December 31, 2019 • Resident of NJ continuously for last 10 years as a homeowner or renter • Owned and lived in NJ home for at least the last 3 years • 2019 property taxes due should have been paid by June 1, 2020 and 2020 property taxes must be paid by June 1, 2021 • Meet income limits 	<p>File PTR-1 or PTR-2 application.</p> <p>Form PTR-1: First time applicants</p> <p>Form PTR-2: Personalized application that are mailed to those who met the eligibility requirements in the previous year</p> <p>PTR hotline: 800-882-6597</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The filing deadline for the 2020 Senior Freeze is November 1, 2021 • For those with life tenancy, a copy of an official document must be included with application • Mobile homeowners must have paid the full amount of mobile home park site fees. <p>Tax relief program may be subject to change according to the state budget. For current eligibility update and due date please refer to NJ Division of Taxation (Property Tax Relief). www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml</p>

OTHER PROPERTY TAX BENEFITS

Senior Citizens or Disabled Persons Property Tax Deduction:

Annual deduction of up to \$250 from property tax for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled who meet residency requirements and surviving spouse may also qualify. Check with your municipality about necessary Forms.

Veterans Deduction:

Annual deduction of up to \$250 from property taxes due for qualified war veterans or for veterans who served in peacekeeping missions and operations. This deduction also applies to the unmarried surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner. There is also full exemption from property taxes on a principal residence for total and permanently disabled war veterans and veterans who served in peacekeeping missions and operations. Check with your municipality about necessary Forms.

For further information on deductions, exemptions and abatements: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/lpt/lpt-deductions.shtml

*Trenton Regional Information Center is the only center open to the public at this time and by appointment only.

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Frail/Disabled : Person 60+ with Physical/Mental disability including Dementia & Alzheimer’s, that restricts ADL’s to the point of losing capacity to live alone or independently.

Vulnerable Client : Person 60+ (1) exposed to unfavorable environmental (living) conditions OR (2) person 60+ without social/economic resources to maintain adequate well-being that includes low income (**100%-200% Federal Poverty Level**) **Single (\$1,073-\$2,146) Married (\$1,452- \$2,904)** OR (3) language barrier (1st language other than English or illiteracy) OR (4) isolated (living alone), with no “informal support system” (helping family or friends).

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