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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. Must also enroll in a Medicare Part D plan unless otherwise specified. The plan should have a monthly premium not above the regional benchmark and then PAAD pays Medicare Part D costs.	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: \$27,189 (\$2,265 mo.*) Married: \$33,334 (\$2,777 mo.*)	For further details and an application contact Division of Senior Services at 201-336-7400, local pharmacy or PAAD/Senior Gold 1-800-792-9745	PAAD/Senior Gold PO Box 637 Trenton, NJ 08646-0637 www.njpaad.gov PAAD does not pay for diabetic testing supplies

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 or actual drug cost, whichever is less. Must enroll in a Medicare Part D plan unless otherwise specified AND also pay for Medicare Part D monthly premium.	Must be a NJ resident for at least 30 days, 65 years or older or receiving Social Security Disability. *Gross annual income between: Single:\$27,189 and \$37,189 (\$2,265 - \$3,099 mo.*) Married: \$33,334 and \$43,334 (\$2,777-\$3,611mo.*)	For further details and an application contact Division of Senior Services at 201-336-7400, local pharmacy or PAAD/Senior Gold 1-800-792-9745	Co-pay is \$15 after annual out-of-pocket expenses reaches catastrophic cap: S: \$2,000 ; C:\$3,000 www.njsrgold.gov Does not pay for diabetic testing supplies

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*NOTE: Gross income includes Social Security & Monthly income approximate

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Medicare Part D is an optional program which adds prescription drug coverage to original Medicare. Involves monthly premiums, Co-pay and may include annual deductible. Plans run on a calendar year and cover about 75% of drug costs until cap level is reached. Any further drug costs for the remainder of the year will be out-of-pocket unless one reaches a catastrophic level then there will be either a flat or 5% co-pay	Must be enrolled in Medicare, either Part A or Part B. There is a penalty for late enrollment for those who choose not to join Medicare Part D when first eligible. Those who have been determined to have creditable coverage do not need to enroll. In NJ, PAAD participants and dual eligible (Medicare/Medicaid) must enroll in a Medicare Part D benchmark plan and do not have out of pocket cost for deductible, cap limit, gap coverage and premium. As of July 1, 2011 dual eligible have mandatory co-pay	Annual open enrollment period begins October 15th to December 7th For more information and to research plans call: SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) 201-336-7413 or contact Medicare 1-800-MEDICARE	Check creditable coverage statements before enrolling in any Medicare Part D plan. Those with Medicare Part C must choose the drug component of that Advantage Plan. For plans w/out Rx coverage do not enroll in a Medicare Part D "stand alone" plan. The Medicare Part D benchmark premium for NJ in 2018 is \$35.97 www.medicare.gov

MEDICARE COSTS

Medicare Part A: Hospital
insurance helps pay for
inpatient hospital care and
certain follow-up services
Medicare Part B: Medical
insurance helps pay for
physician services,
outpatient hospital care
and other medical services
Medicare Part C: Medicare
Advantage Plans
All Medicare covered health
care services through a
provider network plan.

Medicare is health insurance for people age 65 or older and eligible for Social Security benefits based on their ownor their spouse's employment and for those with disabilities and permanent kidney damage.

Medicare covers about 80% of your allowable medical expenses after deductible is met.

www.medicare.gov

Part A Inpatient Hospital
Stay Deductibles per benefit
period:

1-60 days \$1,340 deductible 61-90 days \$335 per day 91-150 is \$670 *lifetime* reserve days

Part A Skilled Nursing Facility: *Coinsurance
Days 1-20: \$0
Covered in full for the first 20
days after a minimum 3-day
qualifying hospital stay
Days 21- 100: \$167.50/day

Part B Medical Insurance: Standard monthly premium \$134.00

Part B premiums may be higher based on income related monthly adjusted amount (IRMAA).

Beneficiaries that were 'held harmless" for Part B increase in previous years will have an increase.

*Annual Deductible: \$183/yr.

Medicare Rights Center for appeals: 1-888-466-9050

HEARING AID ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED (HAAAD)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Gives \$100.00 toward the purchase of a hearing aid.	Income eligibility requirements are the same as for the PAAD program. Income limits are less than: Single: \$27,189 (\$2,265 mo.) Couple: \$33,334 (\$2,777 mo.)	1-800-792-9745 Or 201-336-7400	*Must be currently enrolled in the PAAD program. Then complete a HAAAD application with a hearing aid receipt and a written statement attested by a physician.

NJ SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: FOOD STAMPS

Benefit used to purchase food at authorized retail food stores. 185% of Federal Poverty Level: Family size: (1) \$1,872/mo. (2) \$2,537/mo. Resource limit is \$3,000 for 60 years of age and older. You can own a home and qualify. Life Insurance policies and most pension funds are not counted at all. Following are websites to apply online: www.njhelps.org www.njhelps.org www.bcbss.com https://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us Following are websites to apply online: www.njhelps.org www.bcbss.com https://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us There are also outreach centers throughout Bergen County where you can apply. Home visits can be arranged 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 NJ SNAP Hotline: 1-800-687-9512 Board of Social Services 218 Route 17 N. Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662	WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
homebound. If you are disabled and/or homebound. Hours: M-Fri. 8am to 4:30 pm (Tues. until 8:00 pm)	Benefit used to purchase food at authorized retail	185% of Federal Poverty Level: Family size: (1) \$1,872/mo. (2) \$2,537/mo. Resource limit is \$3,000 for 60 years of age and older. You can own a home and qualify. Life Insurance policies and most pension	Following are websites to apply online: www.njhelps.org www.bcbss.com https://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us There are also outreach centers throughout Bergen County where you can apply. Home visits can be arranged if you are disabled and/or	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 NJ SNAP Hotline: 1-800-687-9512 Board of Social Services 218 Route 17 N. Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662 Tel: 201-368-4200 Hours: M-Fri. 8am to 4:30 pm

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	Aged, Blind and Disabled, Medicare	NJ Dept. of Health & Senior	100% FPL (Federal Poverty Level) +
Medicare Part A, B & C	(A & B) beneficiaries.	Services	income disregard.
premiums, deductibles	Max. Annual Gross Income:		*Income disregard: Add \$20 to the
and co-pay.	\$12,140 yr. (\$1,012/mo.) for Single	1-800-792-9745	monthly amount. If receiving income
Covers the of cost of	\$16,460 yr. (\$1,372/mo.) for Couple		from employment, \$65/month plus
Part D premiums up to	Resources: Single - \$7,560		one-half of remainder of gross salary is
benchmark amount with	Couple - \$11,340		not counted).
LIS Level 1 co-pay.			LIS also allows additional assets of \$1,500
			per person if assets are to be used for
			burial expenses.

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

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
SLMB Pays for Medicare Part B premiums. Pays for Part C & Part D premium up to benchmark amount. Individuals with LIS only have LIS Level 1 copay. Part D deductible is	Single: Between \$12,140 yr. (\$1,012/mo.) and \$14,568 yr. (\$1,214/mo.) Couple: Between \$16,460 yr. (\$1,372/mo.) and \$19,752 yr. (\$1,646/mo.) Resources: Single - \$7,560 Couple- \$11,340	NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services 1-800-792-9745	SLMB income is between 100% to 120% FPL + income disregard. See explanation for income disregard above (QMB- Only)
SLMB-QI-1 Covers the cost of Medicare premiums Same benefit as SLMB but income eligibility guidelines are higher.	Single: Between \$14,568 yr. (\$1,214/mo.) and \$16,389 yr. (\$1,366/mo.) Couple: Between \$19,752 yr. (\$1,646/mo.) and \$22,221 yr. (\$1,852/mo.) Resources: Single - \$7,560 Couple- \$11,340	NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services 1-800-792-9745	SLMB-QI-1 income is between 120% to 135% FPL + income disregard. *See explanation for income disregard above (QMB-Only)

SOCIAL SECURITY

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Source of income after retirement, for the disabled, survivors of workers who have died and dependents of beneficiaries	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 1943-1954 is 66; 1960 and later is 67. *Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries receive a 2.0 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2018	Contact Social Security from 7 a.m. to 7p.m. MonFri. 1-800-772-1213, TTY 1-800-325-0778 Social Security Continental Plaza, 401 Hackensack Ave, Second Fl. Hackensack, NJ 07601 Office Hours; M, Tue; Thurs; Fri: 9-4pm Wed. 9-12pm	Set up a my social security account online www.ssa.gov and get access to the following: • Get a benefit verification letter • Request replacement Social Security and Medicare card • Change of address and phone number And more

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 meet requirements under Citizen/Non-Citizen Status.	Combined federal and state maximum payment for individual/couple living alone or with others in own household: Individual : \$781/month Couple: \$1,150/month Resources you own must be less than: Single : \$2,000 Couple:\$3,000	Call Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 www.ssa.gov	Value of home and car is not counted. SSI may also not count the value of certain resources such as a burial plot. Payments are determined by your living situation and if you have other income or support.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Universal Service Fund (USF) Receive credit on utility bill for gas & electric.	USF: *Gross income limits for a household (1) \$21,108/yr. (\$1,759/mo.) (2) \$28,428/yr. (\$2,369/mo.) 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	Greater Bergen Community Action, Inc. 316 State St. Hackensack, NJ 07601 201-488-5100 Fax: 201-342-7452 Intake hours: M/W -8am-3pm & Thurs8am-7:30 pm	Application for programs is from October 1 st thru April 30 th (Deadline may be extended). Note: The USF program accepts application all year.
Heating: Must be responsible for directly paying your own heat. This also applies to heat included in rent	Heating, Cooling, Winter Termination, Weatherization: *Gross income limits for a household size:	Closed Tuesdays and Friday's Homebound and disabled may request an outreach specialist to visit for assistance with application	PSE&G 1-800-357-2262 NJ Board of Public Utilities 1-800-624-0241
Cooling Benefit is \$200 and applicant must have a medical condition that requires the use of any cooling device. Winter Termination: Provides protection from having your gas and/or electric shut-off from Nov. 15 th - March 15 th	(1) \$24,120 yr. (\$2,010/mo.) (2) \$32,484 yr. (\$2,707/mo.) Entire household is counted for all programs. Income must be below 200% of FPL.	Weatherization office: 99 Passaic St. Garfield, NJ 07026 For information call: 973-546-1441	www.bpu.state.nj.us www.greaterbergen.org
(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.			
Weatherization: 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.			

LIFELINE UTILITY CREDIT PROGRAM

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Gives a \$225 credit	Income eligibility requirements are the	Call PAAD/Lifeline	If utilities are included in your rent, you
per year on your Public	same as for the PAAD program.	1-800-792-9745 Or	may receive a direct payment. Credit is
Service bill.	Single: \$27,189 (\$2,265 mo.*)	Division of Senior Services	given to everyone at different times
	Couple: \$33,334 (\$2,777 mo.*)	201- 336-7400	during the year.

COMFORT PARTNERS

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Assists to lower	225% FPL income limits for a household	Call 1-888-773-8326	Program representatives will
natural gas & electric	size:		work with each household to evaluate
bills through energy	(1) \$27,315/yr. (\$2,276/mo.)		current level of energy efficiency
education and	(2) \$37,035/yr. (\$3,086/mo.)	www.njcleanenergy.com	
installation of energy			
saving home	Households that receive USF, SSI, HEAP,		
improvements	Lifeline, and PAAD are also eligible.		

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS LIFELINE

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Provides discount on local	Receive benefits from one of these	For information and	Send a copy showing proof of
telephone service. Three	programs: Medicaid, SNAP	applications call:	current benefit to enroll in program
rate options for local	(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance),	NJ SHARES 1-888-337-3339	& also for re-certifications
service are (Flat, Moderate,	SSI, Sec 8, Veterans Pension, Veterans	www.njshares.org	
Low rate).	Survivors Pension or eligibility based on	OR	Universal Service Administration
Link Up America gives new	income (see below)	VERIZON 1-800-837-4966	Company (USAC) administers
customers a 50% discount	<u>OR</u>	www.verizon.com/lifeline	Lifeline for the FCC
on initial connection	Below 135% FPL	OR	1-888-641-8722
	Household:	Division of Senior	www.LlfelineSupport.org
	1-\$16,389/yr. (\$1,366/mo.)	Services/ADRC	
	2- \$22,221/yr. (\$1,852/mo.)	(201)-336-7400	
		Fax Application to:	
		NJ SHARES: 1-609-883-0133	

NJ SHARES

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Assists individuals and families who need help paying energy bills due to a temporary financial crisis or behind on their energy bill. Grant amounts can be up to \$700 for gas and \$500 for electric.	Not eligible for LIHEAP, USF, TRUE or PAGE programs. Eligibility for seniors 65 and older and applicants receiving SSD with one or two household members are as follows: Maximum household income: \$70,000/yr. \$5,833/month.	Can demonstrate a temporary financial need. Assistance for those who made a "good faith" payment of \$100 or more within 90 days prior to applying. Call NJ SHARES 866-657-4273 to locate nearest agency	Application for NJ SHARES available all year. Water bill assistance also available: Suez Water Cares: 888-942-8080 NJ American Water's Assistance Program 800-272-1325
		www.njshares.org	333 212 1323

PAGE (Payment Assistance for Gas & Electric)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Assist with electric and natural gas bills for those facing a crisis situation and economic hardship	Income guideline as of October 2017: Household size Minimum to Maximum: (1) \$24,132 - \$57,307 (2) \$32,496 - \$74,940 Liquid assets below 10,000 Must meet program requirements such as providing payment history, 45 days or more past due balance and/or received a shut-off notice. Also not have received USF benefit within last 6 months and LIHEAP benefits within the current heating season.	May apply at nearest service center: Greater Bergen Community Action, Inc. 316 State St. Hackensack, NJ 07601 201-488-5100 Online applications available OR print and download application: www.njpoweron.org Mail to: 59 Broad St. Eatontown, NJ 07724	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 Care Special Medicaid Program for ABD (Aged, Blind, Disabled)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
Full Medicaid coverage pays for physician in office, hospital	Persons 65 years of age or older, blind or permanently disabled who may not	Board of Social Services 218 Route 17 N. Rochelle	NJ Care Medicaid ABD Single: \$1,012/mo. \$12,140 yr. \$4,000
or nursing home or other medical facility & cost of	be eligible for SSI.	Park, New Jersey 07662 Tel: 201-368-4200	Couple: \$1,372/mo. \$16,460 yr. \$6,000
prescribed drugs, eye glasses, dentists, podiatrist, mental health service, ambulance services, hospice, and home	Maximum gross income: S- \$12,140 yr. (\$1,012/month) C-\$16,460 yr. (\$1,372/month) Maximum allowable resources for:	Hours: M-Fri. 8am to 4:30 pm (Tues. until 8:00 pm)	Institutional Medicaid Max. Income Limit: \$2,250 Max Resources: \$2,000
health care.	Single: \$4,000; Couple: \$6,000	www.bcbss.com	Medicaid District office at 973-977-4077

Managed Long Term Services and Support (MLTSS)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
M.L.T.S.S. uses NJ Family care	Must meet financial, clinical, age	For information and	Beginning July 1, 2014 participants in the
MCO's (Managed Care	and/or disability requirements.	screening process call	Medicaid waiver programs: Global Options
Organization) to coordinate	Must be 65 years of age and older OR	Division of Senior Services	(GO); AIDS Community Care Alternative
acute and primary health care	21 -64 yrs. old and determined disabled	ADRC 201-336-7400	Program (ACCAP); Community Resource for
services in the community and	by SSA or by Disability Review Section-	Financial screening:	People with Disabilities (CRPD) and
long term care facility.	Division of the Medical Assistance and	Board of Social Services at	Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) were
	Health Services-NJDHS. Must be a U.S.	201-368-7667	automatically enrolled in MLTSS program
	Citizen or a Qualified Alien.	www.bcbss.com	through their current MCO or health plan.
	M.L.T.S.S.		www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/home
	Max. monthly income S: \$2,250	Managed Care Organizations:	/mltss.html
	Max. Resource: \$2,000	<u>Aetna</u>	
		1-855-232-3596	
	*If income is above \$2,250 then can	Amerigroup NJ 1-800-600-4441	To enroll in a Medicaid MCO:
	apply for Qualified Income Trust (QIT)	Horizon NJ Health	1-866-472-5338
		1-877-765-4325	
	**The maximum assets can be higher	United Healthcare	
	for applicant that is married or for a	1-800-941-4647	
	married couple that are both applying.	Wellcare 1-888-453-2534	

JERSEY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY CAREGIVING (JACC)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY		COMMENTS	
JACC provides in-home services to seniors at risk of placement in a nursing facility. JACC services are designed to supplement help given by the caregiver.	365% of Federal Poverty Level S-(\$3,694/mo.) C-(\$5,008/mo.) A New Jersey resident age 60 and older who: *Requires a nursing facility level of care but wishes to remain at home. * Is not financially eligible for Medicaid or Medicaid Waiver Services. *Has resources at or below \$40,000 for an individual or \$60,000 for a couple. * Meet requirements under Citizen/Non-Citizen Status	For information and screening process call Division of Senior Services: 201-336-7400	sliding scale based Co-Pay 2018 Individual \$0\$1,346 \$1,347-\$1,771 \$1,772-\$2,277 \$2,278-\$2,783 \$2,784-\$3,289 \$3,290-\$3,694 Cost cap in service	Couple \$0-\$1,825 \$1,826 -\$2,401 \$2,402 -\$3,087 \$3,088-\$3,773 \$3,774-\$4,459 \$4,460-\$5,008 es not to exceed \$60 currently a wait list deductions: ouple \$430 nits	Co-pay Amnt. \$0.00 \$15.00 \$30.00 \$60.00 \$90.00 \$120.00 00/month; \$7,200 for JACC.

HOMESTEAD BENEFIT

WHAT IT DOES Provides tax relief for homeowners.	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS You may be eligible for a 2015 New Jersey Homestead Benefit if you were a New Jersey resident that owned and occupied a home in New Jersey that was your principal residence on	File applications online OR by phone 1-877-658-2972	 COMMENTS The filing deadline for 2015 Homestead Benefit Application deadline was November 30, 2017 Most recipients will get a tax credit on their tax bill
	occupied a home in New Jersey that	by phone	 Most recipients will get a tax credit on their

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT (SENIOR FREEZE)

WHAT IT DOES	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	COMMENTS
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.	Total annual income for PTR-1 (Single/Married/Civil Union): 2016: \$87,007 or less, and 2017: \$87,268 or less AND • Must be 65 years of age or older or on Social Security Disability • 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 • Property taxes should be paid in full for base year and succeeding years • Meet income limits	File PTR-1 or PTR-2 application. Form PTR-1 are for first time applicants Form PTR-2 Personalized application that are mailed to those who met the eligibility requirements the previous year	*Filing deadline for 2017 PTR applications October 31, 2018 * 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. 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.njtaxation.org Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline: 800-882-6597

OTHER PROPERTY TAX BENEFITS

NJ Income Tax - Property Tax Deduction/Credit

Homeowners and tenants who pay property taxes, either directly or through rent, on their principal residence in New Jersey may qualify for either a deduction or a refundable credit on their New Jersey resident income tax return. The tax benefit varies depending on the amount of the taxpayer's taxable income, the amount of property taxes or rent paid, and filing status. Refer to the New Jersey Resident Income Tax Return instruction booklet (Form NJ-1040). Homeowners that are 65 or older and/or disabled (or filing jointly with spouse/civil union partner) that are not required to file a tax return will automatically receive their property tax credits when they file a Homestead Benefit application. Tenants and homeowners that are not eligible for Homestead Benefit and are not required to file a tax return can claim credit by completing Form NJ-1040-H.

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 have less than \$10,000 annual income, excluding Social Security income. Benefit is administered by the local municipality.

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. Benefit is administered by the local municipality.

Other Property Tax Benefits continued:

Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans:

Full exemption from property taxes on a principal residence for certain totally and permanently disabled war veterans and veterans who served in peacekeeping missions and operations. This exemption also applies to the unmarried surviving spouse/civil union/domestic partner. Benefit is administered by the local municipality.

Income Tax Exemption for Veterans: A Veteran who was honorably discharged is eligible for a \$3,000 exemption on their income tax return. This exemption can also be claimed by qualifying Veterans spouse/civil union partner who was honorably discharged. A copy of official documentation must be submitted the first time along with a Veterans Income Tax Exemption Form by mail,online or fax. Further instructions, a list of official documentation and Tax Exemption Submission Form can be found at the following website: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/military/vetexemption.shtml

*Claim Forms available online at NJ Division of Taxation (View Property Tax Relief - Other Property Tax Benefits) www.nitaxation.org

New Jersey Division of Taxation: 1-800-323-4400

NJ Division of Taxation Regional Information Center: (Bergen County)

22-08 Route 208 South Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 201-791-0500

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

<u>Vulnerable Client</u>: Person 60+ (1) exposed to unfavorable environmental (living) conditions *OR* (2) person 60+ without social/economic resources to maintain adequate well-being: including low income (100%-200% Federal Poverty level) S (\$1,012-2,024) C (\$1,372-\$2,743) 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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