

Additional Senior Care Programs

Statewide Respite Care Program

The NJ Statewide Respite Care Program has been operational since April of 1988. This program provides *respite care services for elderly and functionally impaired persons age 18 and older to relieve their unpaid caregivers* of stress arising from the responsibility of providing daily care. A secondary goal of the program is to provide the support necessary to help families avoid making nursing home placement of their relatives. Services available under the Statewide Respite Care Program include:

- Companions
- Homemaker/home health aides (on an hourly or overnight basis)
- Medical or social adult day care
- Temporary care in licensed medical facilities
- Camperships
- Private duty nursing service
- Caregiver-Directed option

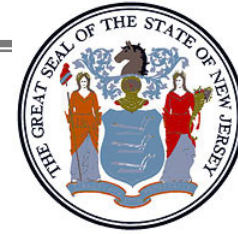
To reach the Statewide Respite Care Program in your county, call Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) toll-free at 1-877-222-3737.

Alzheimer's Adult Day Services Program

The Alzheimer's Adult Day Services Program partially subsidizes the purchase of *adult day care services for persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia*. The Department currently has letters of agreement with 39 adult day care centers in 18 counties. To be eligible for the program, an older adult must meet the following criteria:

- Have a diagnosis, documented by a licensed physician, of Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.
- Be routinely supervised by an informal caregiver.
- Reside in the community.
- Have documented evidence of eligibility according to income guidelines.
- Be a resident of the state of New Jersey.

For additional information contact:
New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Division of Aging and Community Services
P.O. Box 807
Trenton, NJ 08625-0807
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Aging & Disability Resource Connection/ Area Agency on Aging (ADRC/AAA)

AN AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) is designated in each of New Jersey's counties as the primary entity responsible for developing coordinated systems of community-based services for older adults.

AAAs also serve as Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) lead agencies in their county, ensuring seniors, adults with disabilities and their caregivers have easy access to information and long term services and supports.

Ocean (732-929-2091)
Ocean County Office of Senior Services
1027 Hooper Avenue, Building #2
PO Box 2191
Toms River, NJ 08754-2191

Atlantic (1-888-426-9243 or 609-645-5965)
Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services
Shoreview Building, Office 222
101 South Shore Road
Northfield, NJ 08225

Burlington (609-265-5069)
Burlington County Office on Aging
49 Rancocas Road
PO Box 6000
Mount Holly, NJ 08060

NJ EASE (New Jersey Access, Single Entry) is the easy way for seniors and their families to get information about and access senior services.

NJ EASE is one toll-free telephone number to put you in touch with someone to help you learn about and apply for important programs and benefits. NJ EASE staff members are trained to provide you with answers and information on a wide variety of topics, including:

- * Healthcare
- * Insurance
- * Home Care Services
- * Long Term Care Options
- * Transportation
- * Social Activities
- * Nutrition
- * Volunteer Opportunities

NJEASE promotes independence, dignity and choice for New Jersey's older adults. For more information call 1-877-222-3737.

Energy Assistance Programs

NEW JERSEY SHARES (NJ SHARES)

NJ SHARES provides assistance to households in need of temporary help *paying their energy bills due to a financial crisis*. Applicants must have a history of good-faith payments with their energy company and not be eligible for LIHEAP, USF or TRUE. Call 866-657-4273 or go to www.njshares.org for more information.

WINTER TERMINATION PROGRAM (WTP)

WTP protects residential customers from disconnection of *natural gas and electric service* from November 15th - March 15th if they participate in: USF, LIHEAP, Lifeline Utility Assistance Program, Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD), Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Also, persons unable to pay their utility bills because of circumstances beyond their control may request the protection of WTP. Customers should make every effort to pay as much of their bill as possible during the WTP period to avoid a large overdue balance at the end of the WTP.

****There are two free Weatherization programs in New Jersey:*

COMFORT PARTNERS: Sponsored by the Board of Public Utilities' Office of Clean Energy. Call 888-773-8326 for an application and eligibility requirements, or go to: www.njcleanenergy.com and click on "Residential" (electric and gas heat only).

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Sponsored by the Department of Community Affairs. Households that apply for USF or LIHEAP can check the box on the application to request weatherization. For more information go to: www.energyassistance.nj.gov or call 800-510-3102.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP or HEA is a federally funded program that helps low-income households *pay for heating costs* (includes: electric, natural gas, oil and other deliverable fuels). Even if your heat is included in your rent, you may qualify. LIHEAP grants are also available for medically necessary cooling costs. Applications are accepted from October 1 through April 30. (See chart on next page for income limits). LIHEAP is administered by the Department of Community Affairs.

LIFELINE PROGRAM

The Lifeline Utility Assistance Program is for eligible low-income senior citizens and the disabled. Lifeline benefits help eligible homeowners and renters with *electric and natural gas costs*. You may apply for Lifeline by filling out the Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) application. Call: 1-800-792- 9745 for more information or go to the website: www.nj.gov/humanservices/. Lifeline is made possible by the Board of Public Utilities and is administered by the Department of Human Services.

TRUE and PAGE Programs

TRUE and PAGE were designed to help low to moderate income households not eligible for USF or LIHEAP *pay their natural gas and electric bills*. Apply online for TRUE at: www.ahanjtrue.com or call 732-982-8710. For more information about PAGE, please go to: www.affordablehousingalliance.com or call 732-982-8710. TRUE and PAGE are made possible by the Board of Public Utilities and are administered by the Affordable Housing Alliance.

Telephone Assistance

The telephone assistance program provides a *discount on your monthly bill*. Eligibility is determined based on your income or participation in other assistance programs. In general, if you participate in any of the following programs you also may qualify for telephone assistance: Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/Work First New Jersey (TANF), General Assistance, Lifeline Utility Credit/Tenants Lifeline Assistance, Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP/HEAP), Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, National School Lunch Program.

Telephone assistance is available to you if you are a qualified residential telephone customer. When you are seeking telephone assistance, please keep in mind that each telephone company and/or each program has different eligibility requirements, different benefits available and different restrictions. Some programs have restrictions on the optional services available to participants.

The following list of telephone service providers participate in Lifeline Assistance and Link Up programs in New Jersey:

- 1) If you are a Verizon New Jersey customer, please call NJSHARES at 1-888-337-3339 or visit them at NJSHARES for more information.
- 2) CenturyLink/United Telephone Company of New Jersey – 1-800-201-4099 – www.centurylink.com/Pages/Support/LifeLine
- 3) Warwick Valley Telephone Company - 1-800-952-7642
- 4) Tracfone - 1-800-977-3768 - www.safelink.com
- 5) Nexus - 1-877-870-9222 CustomerFeedback@REACHOUTMOBILE.COM
- 6) Virgin Mobile - To learn more about Assurance Wireless and to apply, New Jersey residents should call 1-888-898-4888, or visit www.assurancewireless.com. Information is available in English and Spanish.

Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled (PAAD)

The Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program, the Lifeline program, and the Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD) program are three State programs with similar eligibility guidelines.

You may be eligible for PAAD if you meet the following requirements:

A New Jersey resident;
65 years of age or older or 18 years of age or older and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits; and
Annual income for 2015 of less than \$26,575 if single or less than \$32,582 if married

Medicare-eligible PAAD beneficiaries are also required to enroll in a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan in New Jersey. PAAD will pay the monthly premium for certain standard basic Part D plans with a monthly premium at or below the regional benchmark or standard basic plans or enhanced plans up to \$20 above the benchmark amount that has no deductible. These plans will cover medically necessary prescription medications under Medicare Part D. The federal Medicare Plan and/or PAAD will pay any costs above the PAAD copayment of \$5 for each covered generic drug or \$7 for each covered brand name drug, including premiums.

However, if a Medicare Part D plan does not pay for a medication because the drug is not on its formulary, PAAD beneficiaries will have to switch to drug on their Part D plan's formulary, or their doctor will have to request an exception due to medical necessity directly to their Part D plan. Medicare Advantage participants must add a prescription benefit to their coverage, and PAAD will contribute up to the regional benchmark amount towards the prescription portion of their total premium. To find out which basic Part D plans in New Jersey for which PAAD pays the monthly premium, please call 1-800-792-9745.

New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze)

Filing deadline for 2013 Senior Freeze Applications extended to October 15, 2015.

This program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax or mobile home park site fee increases on their principal residence. To qualify you must meet all the eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the year for which you are applying.

The amount appropriated in the State Budget for property tax relief programs may affect eligibility requirements, including income amounts, and benefits available under this program.

2014 Eligibility Requirements

You may be eligible for a reimbursement if you met all the following requirements for each year from the base year through the year for which you are applying:

You (or your spouse/civil union partner) were:

- 65 or older; or Receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits (not benefits received on behalf of someone else).
- You lived in New Jersey continuously for at least the last 10 years, as either a homeowner or a renter.
- You owned and lived in your current home for at least the last 3 years.

Income Limit: For 2013 have a gross income less than or equal to \$84,289. For 2014 have a gross income less than or equal to \$85,553.

Mobile Home Owners: You leased a site in a mobile home park where you placed a manufactured or mobile home that you owned for at least the last 3 years.

Homeowners: You paid the full amount of the property taxes due on your home.

Mobile Home Owners: You paid the full amount of mobile home park site fees due.

2012 Homestead Benefit Information

Eligibility Requirements

You may be eligible if you met these requirements:

- You were a New Jersey resident; and
- You owned and occupied a home in New Jersey that was your principal residence on October 1, 2012 (If you were not a homeowner on October 1, 2012, you are not eligible for a homestead benefit, even if you owned a home for part of the year.); and
- property taxes for 2012 were paid on that home;
- and you met the 2012 income requirements.

To receive a 2012 homestead benefit, your 2012 New Jersey gross income cannot be more than the amounts below, and you must meet all of the other eligibility requirements:

- \$150,000 for homeowners 65 or older or blind or disabled on December 31, 2012; and
- \$75,000 for homeowners under 65 and not blind or disabled on December 31, 2012.

These income amounts apply to a single individual, a married/civil union couple living in the same residence, and married/civil union partners maintaining separate residences. Do not include nontaxable income such as Social Security, Railroad Retirement benefits, or unemployment compensation when calculating your income.

As a result of the amount appropriated in the State Budget for property tax relief programs, only homeowners who meet the eligibility requirements, including the income requirements, can receive homestead benefits for 2012. You can file an application regardless of your income, but if it exceeds the amounts above, your application will be denied. You are not eligible unless you are required to pay property taxes on your home. For example, you are not eligible if:

You are completely exempt from paying property taxes on your principal residence (such as certain totally and permanently disabled war veterans). You made P.I.L.O.T. (Payments-in-Lieu-of-Tax) payments to your municipality. These payments are not considered property taxes for purposes of the homestead benefit.

Veterans Property Tax Deduction

Amount: There is an annual property tax deduction of \$250 dollars.

Eligibility: You must: have been in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, and honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions from active service in a wartime period; be a citizen of the United States, a resident of New Jersey, and own the property, wholly or in a part or hold legal title to the property to the dedications being claimed.

Application: File the completed form with your municipal tax assessor or collector from October 1 through December 31 of the pre-tax year.

Eligibility: You must: have served during specific wartime

Veterans Property Tax Exemption

periods, received an honorable discharge or have been released under honorable conditions, rated 100 percent permanent service-connected disabled by the VA, wholly owned the house being claimed for deductions and use it as your principal residence.

Application: The application at the municipal property tax assessor's office is signed and filed with the following documentations:

- (a) Property deed, discharge (DD214) and VA Property Tax
- (b) Exemption Letter needed at signing.
- (c) The VA Property Tax Exemption Letter must be requested by contacting the VA.

For additional information contact: 609-530-7052.

Veterans Assistance

County Veterans Service Offices

OCEAN Veterans Service Bureau 1027 Hooper Avenue, Building 2 PO Box 2191 Toms River NJ 08754- 2191 732-929-2096	ATLANTIC Atlantic County office of Veterans Affairs 6601 Ventnor Avenue, Suite 307 Ventnor NJ 08406 609-487-6932	BURLINGTON Department of Veterans Affairs 795 Woodlane Road Human Services Building Mt. Holly NJ 08060 609-265-5008, 5154
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Vets 4 Warriors

Peer-to-peer support is available to Service members 24/7 throughout the U.S. Staffed entirely by Veterans with funding from the Defense Suicide Prevention Office. 855-838-8255 Toll Free

NJ Vet2Vet

1-866-838-7654 is a 24 hour/7-day a week helpline coordinated by UMDNJ-University Behavioral HealthCare. The helpline features peer counseling, clinical assessments, and assistance to family members

Vet Center Combat Call Center

1-877-927-8387

VETERANS Benefit Hotline

1-888-865-8387

VETERANS Counseling Hotline

1-866-838-7654

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8387

NJ National Guard Family Programs Office

(888) 859-0352

Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program

Senior Gold is a State-funded prescription program with a different co-payment structure and income eligibility guidelines than those of PAAD. You are eligible for Senior Gold if you meet the following requirements:

- A New Jersey resident;
- 65 years of age or older or 18 years of age or older and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits; and
- Annual income for 2015 is between \$26,575 and \$36,575 if you are single or between \$32,582 and \$42,582 if you are married.
- All Medicare-eligible Senior Gold beneficiaries are also required to enroll in a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan of their choice. They will be responsible for paying the monthly premium directly to the Medicare Part D plan. They also will be responsible for paying any late enrollment penalty imposed by Medicare for each month they were eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D but did not enroll.

NOTE : If you are under age 65 and receiving Social Security Disability benefits on behalf of someone other than yourself, you are NOT eligible for these programs.

Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged & Disabled (HAAAD)

Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled provides a \$100 reimbursement to eligible persons who purchase a hearing aid.

"Hearing Aid" means a custom-fitted ear-level or body-worn electronic device which enhances communication for the hearing impaired.

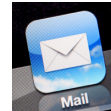
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You may be eligible for HAAAD if you meet the following requirements:

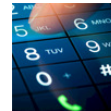
- A New Jersey resident;
- 65 years of age or older or 18 years of age or older and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits; and
- Annual income for 2015 of less than \$26,575 if single or less than \$32,582 if married.

For more information on these programs call toll free 1-800-792-9745.

Connors, Rumpf & Gove Contact Information



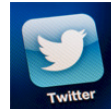
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