

If you are currently enrolled in the PAAD or Lifeline program, you must complete a HAAAD application and submit the following documentation:

A receipt for the purchase of your hearing aid.
A written statement from your physician attesting to the medical necessity for obtaining a hearing aid.

If you are NOT currently enrolled in the PAAD or Lifeline program, you must complete a PAAD application to verify your age or disability status, residency and annual income.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You will lose your PAAD, Lifeline and HAAAD eligibility if:

You establish residency outside of New Jersey;
Your annual income exceeds the income limits set by law;
You lose your Social Security Disability benefits.

NOTE: If you lose eligibility because of an increase in your annual income, you are liable for repayment of all monies paid on your behalf by the State from the beginning of the calendar year, not just those payments made after your income increased.

Failure to repay could result in suspension of any future PAAD, Lifeline and HAAAD benefits, as well as possible withholding of all or some of any rebates or refunds which may be due you from the Division of Taxation.

Falsifying your application for any of these programs may result in permanent loss of benefits.

Failure to report a change of address could delay your PAAD, Lifeline or HAAAD benefits. Please remember to include your full name and Social Security number on the application.

You may be contacted for additional information needed to process your application. Also, you may be contacted as part of a sample group or by random auditing, to assure that the information you provided is valid and accurate. However, if you refuse to be interviewed, you could lose your eligibility.



For more information regarding PAAD, Lifeline or HAAAD, please call 1-800-792-9745.

** Brochure information provided by the
New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services,
the Division of Senior Affairs*

*** The income requirements change each year.

PAAD-LIFELINE- HAAAD

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible for PAAD, Lifeline, and HAAAD if you meet the following requirements:

- You are a New Jersey resident;
- Your income is less than \$23,092 if you're single, or less than \$28,313 if you're married;
- You are at least 65 years of age, OR at least 18 years of age and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits.

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

PAAD

The Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled (PAAD) program helps eligible New Jersey residents pay for prescription drugs, insulin and insulin needles and certain diabetic testing materials. Only drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration are covered. Drugs purchased outside of New Jersey are not covered, nor is any pharmaceutical product whose manufacturer has not agreed to provide rebates to New Jersey.

You apply to PAAD by completing a PAAD application and mailing it to the address on the form. A husband and wife must file separate applications. Once PAAD has determined your eligibility, you should receive a plastic card within 30 days. With your PAAD card, you pay the pharmacist only \$5 for each covered prescription.



Signing the PAAD application authorizes the State to collect payments made on your behalf from any other assistance, insurance, or retirement programs which may cover prescription drugs. If you have health insurance or retirement benefits that provide prescription coverage equal to or better than PAAD, or if you are receiving Medicaid, you would NOT be eligible. However, you are eligible if your health insurance or retirement plan offers limited or partial coverage.

Some PAAD beneficiaries must reapply every year, although most only submit a renewal application every two years.

New Jersey has established a list of generic drugs which must be dispensed whenever a brand name drug has been prescribed (unless your physician has specifically requested no substitution).

Generic drugs are a less costly substitute with the same active ingredient as drugs sold under a commercial brand. If your doctor prescribes the brand name and permits substitution, but you prefer a specific brand name medication, you may pay the difference between the listed generic drug and brand name which you prefer, plus the \$5 payment.

LIFELINE

Lifeline is a utility assistance program that offers \$225 to persons who meet the PAAD eligibility requirements or who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Additionally, you are eligible for the Lifeline benefits if you receive Medical Assistance to the Aged (MAA), Medical Assistance Only (MAO), or

New Jersey Care. Beneficiaries of these program are sent Lifeline applications automatically every August.

If you are eligible for Lifeline benefits, please contact our District Office for a Lifeline Only application.

Your Lifeline benefit provides for only electricity and natural gas. Other fuel, such as bottled or propane gas, oil, coal, or wood are not covered. If you pay utility bills directly to a single utility company, a \$225 credit will appear on your utility bill. If you receive service from two different companies, the \$225 credit will be divided equally between the two utilities. If the cost of your utilities is included in your rent, you will receive a check for \$225.

Your Lifeline application pertains only to your primary place of residence. A seasonal or temporary residence in New Jersey is not considered a primary residence.

HAAAD

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

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

If you are receiving Medicaid or have other insurance coverage or retirement benefits, you are NOT eligible for HAAAD. However, you are eligible if you have only limited or partial coverage.