



Senior Services News

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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – For Action
Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) – For Information Only

SUBJECT: Eligibility limits for calendar year 2026 for the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD), Lifeline Utility Assistance (Lifeline), Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD), and Senior Gold Prescription Discount (Senior Gold) programs.

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2026

PURPOSE: To notify providers, beneficiaries and the general public of the new income eligibility limits for calendar year 2026 for PAAD, Lifeline, HAAAD, and Senior Gold.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with N.J.S.A. 30:4D-21b, eligibility limits are adjusted each year to reflect the amount of the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

The COLA for calendar year 2026 is 2.8%. Based on the COLA, the PAAD, Lifeline and HAAAD annual income limits will be less than **\$54,943** for single persons and less than **\$62,390** for married couples. The Senior Gold annual income limits will be between **\$54,943** and **\$64,943** for single persons and between **\$62,390** and **\$72,390** for married couples.

ACTION: Please post the attached notice in a location accessible to the general public. Direct any questions concerning eligibility requirements to the Division of Aging Services, Office of State Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, P.O. Box 715, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0715. The toll-free hotline number is 1-800-792-9745.

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*State of New Jersey
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ATTENTION:

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED
(PAAD) AND SENIOR GOLD BENEFICIARIES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

The PAAD income eligibility limits for calendar year 2026 are:

Less than **\$54,943** FOR A SINGLE PERSON

Less than **\$62,390** FOR A MARRIED COUPLE

The SENIOR GOLD income eligibility limits for calendar year 2026 are:

Between **\$54,943 - \$64,943** FOR SINGLE PERSONS

Between **\$62,390 - \$72,390** FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**TO APPLY, COMPLETE THE NJSAVE APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
[NJSave Application](#) OR PRINT AND MAIL THE APPLICATION ALONG WITH
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:**

PAAD/SENIOR GOLD
P.O. BOX 715
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0715

For additional information, please call 1-800-792-9745.