

assistance in activities of daily living and assistance in obtaining health services to any one or more of such persons, excluding, however, any community residence for the developmentally disabled as defined in N.J.S.A. 30:11B-2, any facility or living arrangement operated by or under contract with any State department or agency, upon the written authorization of the Commissioner of the Department of Health [and Senior Services], and any privately operated establishment licensed under N.J.S.A. 30:11.

10:123-2.5 County welfare agency responsibility

(a) Under the supervision of the Division of Family Development, county welfare agencies shall provide services to eligible residents of rooming houses, boarding houses and residential health care facilities, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1.-2. (No change.)

3. Coordination. The county welfare agency shall coordinate all services provided to eligible residents with services provided by other State and local agencies. This coordination includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

i. (No change.)

ii. Notification and referral of reports to the appropriate agencies (the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Health [and Senior Services] and other Divisions within the Department of Human Services, etc.) with legal jurisdiction and responsibility for the investigation and follow-up;

iii.-v. (No change.)

4. Personal needs allowance (PNA). The PNA is a monthly amount intended to meet the personal expenses of Supplemental Security Income recipients. The Commissioner of the Department of Human Services has the responsibility for establishing a monthly personal needs allowance (PNA), which shall be no less than \$25.00 per month as per P.L. 1979, c. 496. The county welfare agencies shall assist eligible residents in the receipt or use of their PNA. In situations where the county welfare agency is unable to resolve PNA problems, possible violation of licensure standards shall be referred to the Department of Health [and Senior Services], the Department of Community Affairs, and/or the Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutional Elderly, as appropriate; and

5. (No change.)

(b)-(d) (No change.)

SUBCHAPTER 3. PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

10:123-3.3 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings.

“Residential health care facility” means facility, whether in single or multiple dwellings, whether public or private, whether incorporated or unincorporated, whether for profit or nonprofit, operated at the direction of or under the management of an individual or individuals, corporation, partnership, society, or association which furnishes food and shelter to four or more persons 18 years of age or older who are unrelated to the proprietor, and which provides dietary services, recreational activities, supervision of self-administration of medications, supervision of and assistance in activities of daily living and assistance in obtaining health services to any one or more of such persons, excluding, however, any community residence for the developmentally disabled as defined in N.J.S.A. 30:11B-2, any facility of living arrangement operated by or under contract with any State department or agency, upon the written authorization of the Commissioner of the Department of Health [and Senior Services], and any privately operated establishment licensed under N.J.S.A. 30:11A.

(a)

**DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES  
OFFICE OF STATE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE  
AGED AND DISABLED AND FACILITIES  
MANAGEMENT**

**Notice of Administrative Changes  
Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and  
Disabled Eligibility Manual: Income Standards  
Senior Gold Prescription Program Manual: Income  
Standards  
Lifeline Credit Program/Tenants Lifeline Assistance  
Program Manual: Income Standards  
Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled:  
Income Standards  
N.J.A.C. 10:167-6.2, 10:167B-6.2, 10:167D-4.2, and  
10:167E-5.2**

**Take notice** that the Department of Human Services is changing the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) Eligibility Manual at N.J.A.C. 10:167-6.2 to reflect an increase of the maximum annual income limits for PAAD eligibility by 2.0 percent. This change will be operative on January 1, 2018.

N.J.S.A. 30:4D-21 establishes that PAAD annual income eligibility limits are to “increase by the amount of the maximum Social Security benefit cost-of-living increase for [each] year for single and married persons, respectively.” On October 13, 2017, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announced that the cost-of-living adjustment for 2018 would increase by 2.0 percent. See [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola) and <http://www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/pressrel.htm>. N.J.A.C. 10:167-6.2(m) authorizes the Department to announce changes to PAAD income eligibility limits due to SSA cost-of-living adjustments through publication of notice in the New Jersey Register. Therefore, the Department is changing existing N.J.A.C. 10:167-6.2(a) and (b) to increase the maximum income that a person can have to be eligible for PAAD to less than \$27,189 for single persons and less than \$33,334 of combined income for married couples.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-29.16, 48:2-29.32, and 30:4D-38, persons who are eligible for PAAD are also eligible for Lifeline Credit, Tenants Lifeline Assistance, and Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD). N.J.A.C. 10:167D-4.2(j) and 10:167E-5.2(i) authorize the Department to announce changes in income eligibility limits for these programs, due to SSA cost-of-living adjustments, through publication of notice in the New Jersey Register.

**Take further notice**, therefore, that the Department is changing the annual income eligibility standards at N.J.A.C. 10:167D-4.2 for Lifeline Credit Program/Tenants Lifeline Assistance Program Manual and at N.J.A.C. 10:167E-5.2 for HAAAD to correspond to the PAAD maximum annual income eligibility limits described above by reflecting an increase of 2.0 percent. This change will be operative on January 1, 2018.

N.J.S.A. 30:4D-45 establishes that, for persons to be eligible for the Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program (Senior Gold), annual income limits shall not be “more than \$10,000 above the applicable PAAD income eligibility limits for single and married persons.” N.J.A.C. 10:167B-6.2(m) authorizes the Department to announce changes in Senior Gold eligibility limits through publication of notice in the New Jersey Register.

**Take further notice**, therefore, that the Department is changing the Senior Gold income limits for the Senior Gold Prescription Program Manual at N.J.A.C. 10:167B-6.2 to reflect an increase of the maximum annual income limits for Senior Gold eligibility, established at N.J.A.C. 10:167B-6.2, by 2.0 percent. Therefore, to be eligible for Senior Gold, persons can have annual income between \$27,189 and \$37,189, for single persons, and a combined income between \$33,334 and \$43,334, for married persons. This change will be operative on January 1, 2018.

This notice of administrative changes is published in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:167-6.2(m), 10:167B-6.2(m), 10:167D-4.2(j), and 10:167E-5.2(i).

**Full text** of the changed rules follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

CHAPTER 167  
PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND  
DISABLED ELIGIBILITY MANUAL

SUBCHAPTER 6. ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

10:167-6.2 Income standards

(a) Any single permanent resident of New Jersey who is 65 years of age or over or who is under 65 and over 18 years of age and is receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits must have an annual income of less than \$[26,655]**27,189** to be eligible for PAAD.

(b) Any married permanent resident of New Jersey who is 65 years of age or over or who is under 65 and over 18 years of age and is receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits must have a combined (applicant and spouse) annual income of less than \$[32,680]**33,334** to be eligible for PAAD.

1. (No change.)

2. An applicant and spouse may be considered separated when the spouse has been institutionalized in a long-term facility, either skilled or intermediate, or in a State or county psychiatric hospital at least 30 consecutive days prior to application.

i. PAAD shall consider the applicant and spouse separated only when doing so is more favorable to the applicant for PAAD (for example, when the income of an applicant and his or her institutionalized spouse is combined at \$[32,582]**33,334**, the applicant is ineligible for PAAD, but if the applicant and spouse are considered separated, the applicant could be eligible for PAAD under the single income standard. If the institutionalized spouse was not covered by Medicaid, the spouse could become eligible under the single income standard).

(c)-(n) (No change.)

CHAPTER 167B  
SENIOR GOLD PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM MANUAL

SUBCHAPTER 6. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

10:167B-6.2 Income standards

(a) Any single permanent resident of New Jersey who is 65 years of age or over or who is under 65 and over 18 years of age and is receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits must have a total annual income between \$[26,655]**27,189** and \$[36,655]**37,189** in [2017] **2018** to be eligible for Senior Gold benefits. These income limits will increase January 1 of each year in accordance with the Social Security cost of living adjustment. This amount shall not be more than \$10,000 above the applicable PAAD income eligibility limits for single persons. Recipients of other State-funded prescription discount benefits are not eligible for the Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program.

(b) Any married permanent resident of New Jersey who is 65 years of age or who is under 65 and over 18 years of age and is receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits must have a total annual income between \$[32,680]**33,334** and \$[42,680]**43,334** in [2017] **2018** to be eligible for Senior Gold benefits. The income limits will increase January 1 of each year in accordance with the Social Security cost of living adjustment. This amount shall not be more than \$10,000 above the applicable PAAD income eligibility limits for married couples. Recipients of other State-funded prescription discount benefits are not eligible for the Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program.

1. (No change.)

2. An applicant and spouse may be considered separated when the spouse has been institutionalized in a long-term facility, either skilled or intermediate, or in a State or county psychiatric hospital at least 30 consecutive days prior to application.

i. The Program shall consider the applicant and spouse separated only when doing so is more favorable to the applicant for Senior Gold (for

example, when the income of an applicant and his institutionalized spouse is combined at \$[36,000]**43,334**, the applicant is ineligible for Senior Gold, but if the applicant and spouse are considered separated, the applicant could be eligible for Senior Gold under the single income standard. If the institutionalized spouse was not covered by Medicaid, the spouse could become eligible under the single income standard for PAAD).

(c)-(m) (No change.)

CHAPTER 167D  
LIFELINE CREDIT PROGRAM/TENANTS LIFELINE ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM MANUAL

SUBCHAPTER 4. ELIGIBILITY

10:167D-4.2 Income standards

(a) Any single permanent resident of New Jersey who is 65 years of age or older or who is between 18 and 65 and is receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits must have an annual income of less than \$[26,655]**27,189** to be eligible for the Lifeline Programs.

(b) Any married permanent resident of New Jersey who is 65 years of age or older or who is between 18 and 65 and is receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits, and his or her spouse, must have a combined annual income of less than \$[32,680]**33,334** to be eligible for the Lifeline Programs.

1.-2. (No change.)

(c)-(j) (No change.)

CHAPTER 167E  
HEARING AID ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED

SUBCHAPTER 5. ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

10:167E-5.2 Income standards

(a) Any single permanent resident of New Jersey who is 65 years of age or older or who is between 18 and 65 and is receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits must have an annual income of less than \$[26,655]**27,189** to be eligible for HAAAD.

(b) Any married permanent resident of New Jersey who is 65 years of age or older or who is between 18 and 65 and is receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits, and his or her spouse, must have a combined annual income of less than \$[32,680]**33,334** to be eligible for HAAAD.

1. (No change.)

2. An applicant and spouse may be considered separated when the spouse has been institutionalized in a long-term facility, either skilled or intermediate, or in a State or county psychiatric hospital at least 30 consecutive days prior to application.

i. HAAAD shall consider the applicant and spouse separated only when doing so is more favorable to the applicant for HAAAD (for example, when the income of an applicant and his or her institutionalized spouse is combined at \$[25,060]**33,334**, the applicant is ineligible for HAAAD, but if the applicant and spouse are considered separated, the applicant could become eligible for HAAAD under the single income standard. If the institutionalized spouse was not covered by Medicaid, the spouse could become eligible under the single income standard).

(c)-(i) (No change.)