

Outreach

BURLINGTON COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING
AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CONNECTION

609-265-5069 or 1-877-222-3737 (Toll-free)

2020 BENEFITS IN A NUTSHELL

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES CHANGE AT DIFFERENT TIMES DURING THE YEAR

This document lists the most utilized benefits for seniors and/or disabled adult residents in Burlington County. For an extensive listing please review our Directory of Services or view the Directory online: www.co.burlington.nj.us/aging.

You can also visit the following websites:

- <https://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us>
- <https://www.njhelps.org/>
- <https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/browse-by-state/171>
- <https://www.nj211.org/>

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I DISABILITY SERVICES

A. DIVISION of DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 1-800-832-9173

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd

The office for Burlington County is located at 2 Echelon Plaza, 221 Laurel Road, Suite 210, Voorhees, NJ 856-770-5900

B. DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES 1-888-285-3036

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds

DDS serves consumers who have become disabled as adults, 21 and older.
The State office is located at 11A Quakerbridge Plaza, Mercerville, NJ

C. RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING 609-747-7745

www.rilnj.org

Provides peer support, advocacy, independent living skills and youth services.
The office is located at 351 High St. #106, Burlington, NJ 08016

II ENERGY and UTILITY ASSISTANCE

A. ATLANTIC ELECTRIC "Helping Hands" 1-866-657-4273

Provides up to \$200.00 supplemental grant if eligible for USF, LIHEAP or NJShares.

B. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – Apply on the LIHEAP Application
www.energyassistance.nj.gov 1-800-510-3102

This program is designed to help low-income families and individuals meet home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. To be eligible, a household must meet income guidelines and be responsible for the cost of heating. The LIHEAP heating benefit is determined by income, household size and fuel type.

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Monthly Gross Income</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | \$ 2,082.00 |
| 2 | \$ 2,819.00 |

C. NJ COMFORT PARTNERS

njcleanenergy.com 1-888-773-8326.

If eligible, the program can provide insulation, replacement of appliances and heating and cooling equipment.

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Monthly Gross Income</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | \$ 613.00 | \$ 2,658.00 |
| 2 | \$ 829.00 | \$ 3,592.00 |

D. NJ LIFELINE_1-800-792-9745

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/seniorbenefits/paadapp.htm#lifeline>

Lifeline is a utility assistance program that offers \$225.00 to persons who meet the eligibility requirements of the PAAD program or who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The Lifeline benefit is automatically included in the SSI check. Also provides the benefit to tenants whose utilities are included in their rent.

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Monthly Gross Income</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | \$ 2,366.00 |
| 2 | \$ 2,901.00 |

E. NJ SHARES

<http://www.njshares.org> 1-866-657-4273 1-866-NJSHARE

NJ Shares provides energy assistance to moderate and fixed-income households experiencing a financial crisis. Applicants are those who do not qualify for Federal and State assistance programs due to the household income. Applicants must have a TRUE/PAGE denial letter.

| <u>Monthly Gross Income</u> |
|-----------------------------|
| Household \$ 5,833.00 |

F. PAGE/TRUE PROGRAM –Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric

www.njpoweron.com 732-982-8710

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Monthly Gross Income</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | \$ 2,083.00 – 5132.00 |
| 2 | \$ 2,820.00 – 6,711.00 |

G. Universal Service Fund - USF Apply on the LIHEAP application

www.state.nj.us/dca/division/dhcr/faq/usf.html 1-800-510-3102

The USF program helps to make natural gas and electric bills more affordable for low-income households. If you spend more than 3% of your income on your natural gas bill and more than 6% of your electric bill, you may qualify. Maximum benefit is \$1,800 Credit.

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Monthly Gross Income</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | \$ 1,926.00 |
| 2 | \$ 2,607.00 |

H. Weatherization Assistance Program Apply on the LIHEAP application

<http://www.state.nj.us> 856-910-8816 609-239-4005

This program assists elderly, handicapped and low-income persons with weatherizing their homes, improving their heating system efficiency and conserving energy. Apply on LIHEAP application.

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Monthly Gross Income</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | \$ 2,082.00 |
| 2 | \$ 2,819.00 |

I. WINTER TERMINATION PROGRAM

www.nj.gov/bpu/assistance/rights/ 1-800-624-0241

Consumers who receive USF, LIHEAP, Lifeline Utility Assistance Program, PAAD, Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or SSI are protected from the disconnection of gas and electricity from 11/15 to 3/15 each year.

III HEARING AID PROGRAMS

A. HEARING AID ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED/DISABLED 1-800-792-9745
\$100.00 reimbursement toward recent purchase of hearing aid.

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Monthly Gross Income</u> | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | \$ 2,366.00 | No resource limit |
| 2 | \$ 2,901.00 | No resource limit |

B. NJ HEARING AID PROJECT 800-792-8339
Provides a refurbished hearing aid.

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Monthly Gross Income</u> | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | \$ 2,366.00 | No resource limit |
| 2 | \$ 2,901.00 | No resource limit |

IV HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

A. ALZHEIMERS ADULT DAY SERVICES PROGRAM 609-943-4985

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Gross Monthly Income</u> | <u>Annual Income</u> | <u>Allowable Resources</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Single | \$4,210.00 | \$50,256.00 | \$40,000.00 |
| Married | \$4,886.00 | \$58,632.00 | \$60,000.00 |

B. JERSEY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY CAREGIVING - "JACC"
<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/jacc/>

Burlington County Office on Aging 609-265-5069 or Toll-free at 877-222-3737

JACC is a State-funded program that provides services to consumers who are income and resource eligible to delay placement in a nursing home. Consumer must be a New Jersey resident age 60 and older requiring nursing facility level of care but wishing to remain at home. There is a cost share based on monthly income. You must be financially *ineligible* for Medicaid programs.

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Gross Monthly Income*</u> | <u>Allowable Resources</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Single | \$3,881.00 | \$40,000.00 |
| Married | \$5,255.00 | \$60,000.00 |

Income is counted as gross except for Social Security income.

C. NEW JERSEY FAMILY CARE MEDICAID – Please see Section VII.

D. PACE – PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/pace/ 1-877-543-3188

Provides frail individuals age 55 or older with medical and social services coordinated and provided by an interdisciplinary team in a community based center and in their homes.

Call for eligibility requirements. Program is available only in specific zip code designations.

E. PASP – PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE PROGRAM

1-888-285-3036

Adults with permanent physical disabilities between 18 – 70 who are employed, preparing for employment attending school or involved in community volunteer work

F. STATEWIDE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/srcep/

Resources for Independent Living in Burlington County

856-825-0255 ex. 211

| | <u>Gross Monthly Income</u> | <u>Allowable Resources</u> |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Single | \$2,349.00 | \$40,000.00 |
| Married | \$4,698.00 | \$60,000.00 |

Sliding scale and suggested donations apply.

G. VETERANS “AID and ATTENDANCE” PROGRAM 609-265-5008

Division of Veterans and Military Services for Burlington County

| | <u>Gross Monthly Income</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Single Veteran | \$ 1911.00 |
| Married Veteran | \$ 2,266.00 |
| Widowed Spouse | \$ 1,228.00 |

V HOME LOAN/REPAIR

Burlington County Department of Human Services, Community Development Program
609-265-5072 Call for eligibility figures for 2020. Not all towns participate.

A. Emergency Home Repair

B. Home Improvement Loan Program

C. Heater Replacement Program

VI MEALS/FOOD PROGRAMS

A. FOOD BANK OF SOUTH JERSEY 866-662-4884
www.foodbankssj.org/zip-code-locator/

B. FOOD STAMPS/SNAP

www.njsnap.org

609-518-4839 or 800-342-0047 ext.4839 Burlington County Board of Social Services
Go to NJHelps.com to pre-screen or apply on line.

Estimated Benefits for Gross Monthly Income

1 Person Household \$ 1,354.00 - \$ 134.00 in Benefits

2 Person Household \$ 1,832.00 - \$ 247.00 in Benefits

C. MEALS ON WHEELS 609-265-5069 or 609-702-7053 or Toll-free at 877-222-3737

Homebound residents 60 years or older can receive one nutritious hot meal per day.
Weekend meals may also be provided.

VII MEDICAID / NEW JERSEY FAMILY CARE PROGRAMS

www.njfamilycare.org 1-800-701-0710

NJ FamilyCare is a federal and state funded health insurance program created to help qualified New Jersey residents of any age access affordable health insurance.

A. SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME – SSI Social Security Administration
www.socialsecurity.gov 1-800-772-1213
SSI Recipients receive full Medicaid benefits.

Federal income supplement program designed to help people who are aged, blind or disabled who have little or no income. SSI provides a monthly cash payment.

| <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Variations in Living Arrangement</u> |
|----------------|--|
| \$ 566.31 | Single Person living in someone else's household and receiving support |
| \$ 814.25 | Single Person living alone or with others in own household |
| \$ 936.00 | Single Person living with spouse who is not eligible for SSI |
| \$ 876.43 | Couple living in someone else's household and receiving support |
| \$ 1,200.36 | Couple living alone or with others in own household |

Single - \$2,000.00 Resources

Married - \$3,000.00 Resources

B. NEW JERSEY CARE/REGULAR MEDICAID/AGED BLIND,DISABLED
www.njfamilycare.org/ 1-800-701-0710

Burlington County Board of Social Services 609-261-1000
Special program that provides Medicaid for individuals who are 65 years of age or older, blind or disabled and unable to afford the health care they need. This is not a Medicaid Waiver Program.

NEW JERSEY CARE/REGULAR MEDICAID, continued.

| Household Size | Monthly Income | Allowable Resources |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Single | \$ 1,063.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Married – Both Applying | \$ 1,437.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |

NOTE: This is not a Medicaid Waiver Program

NOTE: In determining whether a person is financially eligible, the applicant will be considered with his or her spouse or parents if applicable.

C. MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM

<http://www.njfamilycare.org/> 1-800-701-0710

NJ expanded Medicaid coverage to adults with incomes below the 133% Federal Poverty Level and not eligible for MEDICARE. Single and married couples with no dependents are now eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Healthcare Act.

| Household Size | Monthly Income | Allowable Resources |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Single No dependents | \$ 1,437.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Married No dependents | \$ 1,945.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |

D. MLTSS - MANAGED LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/home/mltss.html>
609-265-5069 or 1-877-222-3737.

| Household Size | Monthly Income | Allowable Resources |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| Single (Only applicant's income is counted) | \$ 2,349.00* | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Married Couple if both apply | \$ 4,698.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |

Must meet a clinical level of care as determined by the State.
Community spouse has higher asset limits when/if spouse is institutionalized.

*NOTE: Income can be over \$ 2,349.00 per month if a Qualified Income Trust is used. Home Equity cannot exceed \$878,000.00. Please refer to this website for specific information: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/mtrusts.html>

E. NEW JERSEY WORKABILITY

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds 1-888-285-3036 Division of Disability Services

Offers full NJ Medicaid health coverage to individuals who are working and whose earnings would otherwise make them ineligible for Medicaid. Eligible individuals pay a small premium.

VIII MEDICARE

1-800-MEDICARE www.Medicare.gov

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older and certain younger people with disabilities. Some medical diagnosis allow people to be automatically eligible.

VIII MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS

1-800-356-1561

1-800-792-9745

www.medicare.gov <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/slmb/>

Universal Application for PAAD/Senior Gold/Medicare Part D, Medicare Part B-SLMB

Asset limits apply.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>A.</u> QMB | \$1,061.00 Single | \$1430.00 Couple | Pays A and B premiums |
| <u>B.</u> SLMB | \$1,269.00 Single | \$1,711.00 Couple | Pays Part B premiums |
| <u>C.</u> SLMB-QI-1 | \$1,426.00 Single | \$1,923.00 Couple | Assists with Part B premiums |
| <u>D.</u> QDWI | \$4,249.00 Single | \$5,722.00 Couple | Assists with Part A premiums |

IX PHONE BILL ASSISTANCE

www.phone-bill-assistance.com/lifeline/nj Income guidelines apply.

A. WIRELESS SERVICE

Assurance Wireless 877-378-1761

Reachout Wireless 877-870-9444

Safelink Wireless Apply online to website listed above.

B. LANDLINE SERVICE

CenturyLink 800-201-4099

Verizon 800-837-4966

X PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Consumers who are 65 years of age or older and consumers 18 years of age or older and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits can apply if they meet the income requirements listed. There is a Universal Application for PAAD, Senior Gold, Medicare Part D, Medicare Part B-SLMB.

A. PAAD Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled 1-800-792-9745 <http://www.njpaad.gov>

Gross Monthly Income

\$ 2,366.58 Single Resources not counted

\$ 2,901.42 Married Resources not counted

B. SENIOR GOLD Prescription Discount Program

1-800-792-9745 <http://www.njpaad.gov>

Consumers who are 65 years of age or older and consumers 18 years of age or older and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits can apply if they meet the income requirements listed.

Gross Monthly Income

\$ 2,366.58 - \$ 3,199.91 Single

\$ 2,901.41- \$ 3,734.75 Married

C. LOW INCOME SUBSIDY – Medicare Part D

1-800-792-9745 1-877-711-4546 <http://www.njpaad.gov>

Gross Yearly Income

| | | |
|-------------|---------|-----------------------|
| \$16,872.00 | Single | Resource limits apply |
| \$22,836.00 | Married | Resource limits apply |

Please contact “211” for a list of discount cards and programs you may be eligible for.

XI SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

www.socialsecurity.gov 1-800-772-1213

Social Security is provided to eligible retirees, disabled persons and families of retired, disabled or deceased workers.

XII TAXES – PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. HOMESTEAD BENEFIT PROGRAM 1-800-323-4400 or 1-877-658-2972

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml>

Eligible homeowners will receive their benefit as a credit on a future property tax bill.

B. PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION/CREDIT

Applicants should contact the Municipal Tax Assessor where they reside.

Provides an annual reduction of \$250.00 on property taxes for homeowners who are income eligible. To qualify the yearly income, exclusive of Social Security, must not exceed \$10,000.

C. PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (SENIOR FREEZE)

1-800-882-6597 <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml>

Income eligible homeowners and mobile homeowners are reimbursed for any increase in property taxes or lot rent paid over the base year amount. Residents must have lived in NJ for at least 10 years and owned and lived in the homestead for at least 3 years.

NOTE: Rules and regulations can change on a yearly basis.

D. PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION FOR VETERANS

609-265-5008 Burlington County Office of Veteran’s services.

This program provides an annual deduction from taxes due on real or personal property for qualified war veterans and qualifying surviving spouses. There is a deduction of \$250 on their principal place of residence.

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