



## **Age 65 or over?**

### **Lifeline Can Help Make Energy Bills More Affordable**

The Lifeline Credit Program, administered by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJDHS), provides a total annual benefit of \$225 to income-eligible households to help pay their natural gas and electricity bills.\* This includes utility customers or tenants whose utility bills are included in their rent. To qualify for Lifeline, you must meet one of the following requirements:

- *Receive, or qualify for, the state's **Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) Program**. If you're currently enrolled in PAAD, you will be sent a combined PAAD/Lifeline renewal application. New PAAD applicants will apply for Lifeline at the same time they apply for PAAD.*
- *Receive, or qualify for, the **Medicaid Assistance Only (MAO), Medical Assistance to the Aged (MAA) or the New Jersey Care**.*

\*Other fuels, such as propane gas, oil, coal or wood are not covered. Additional qualifiers for renters.

If your utility bills are included in your rent:

- *Only one tenant per household is qualified for assistance.*
  - *Seasonal or temporary residences are not eligible.*
- *When two or more people share a household, a single application must be submitted (only in leaseholder's name).*
- *It must be reported on your application if you pay utilities bills to different companies or if one bill is in your name and one in your spouse's. The Lifeline cred it will be split equally and applied to each account.*

If you're not enrolled in one of the above programs, but you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), the Lifeline benefit is automatically included in SSI checks (\$18.75/mo).

You can apply for Lifeline benefits year-round. For further information on Lifeline, please call NJDHS at 800-792-9745.



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