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SYNOPSIS

Increases income eligibility limits for PAAD program and Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program by \$10,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Budget Committee on June 21, 2021, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for the Pharmaceutical Assistance to
 2 1 the Aged and Disabled program and amending P.L.1975, c.194.

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 4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
 5 *of New Jersey:*

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 7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1975, c.194 (C.30:4D-21) is amended to
 8 read as follows:

9 2. a. Any resident of this State who is either a recipient of
 10 disability insurance benefits under Title II of the federal Social
 11 Security Act (42 U.S.C. s. 401 et seq.) or 65 years of age and over
 12 and whose annual income is less than **[\$16,624]** \$38,769 if single
 13 or, if married, whose annual income combined with that of his
 14 spouse is less than **[\$20,383]** \$45,270, shall be eligible for
 15 "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" if he is not
 16 otherwise qualified for assistance under P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1
 17 et seq.). Annual income shall not include gain from the sale of a
 18 principal residence that is excluded from gross income pursuant to
 19 N.J.S.54A:6-9.

20 b. **¹["Beginning"]** (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of
 21 this subsection, beginning¹ January 1, 1996 and annually thereafter,
 22 the income eligibility limits provided in subsection a. of this section
 23 shall increase by the amount of the maximum Social Security
 24 benefit cost-of-living increase for that year for single and married
 25 persons, respectively. The commissioner shall adopt the new
 26 income limits annually by regulation pursuant to the
 27 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
 28 1 et seq.).

29 ¹(2) No cost-of-living increase shall be applied under paragraph
 30 (1) of this subsection in calendar year 2022. The cost-of-living
 31 increase shall resume beginning January 1, 2023, and the income
 32 eligibility limits shall be annually increased thereafter consistent
 33 with the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection.¹
 34 (cf: P.L.1995, c.27, s.1)

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 36 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022, but the
 37 Commissioner of Human Services may take such anticipatory
 38 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
 39 implementation of the act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ABU committee amendments adopted June 21, 2021.