

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 131, *approved June 29, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5520 (*First Reprint*)

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.

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