

New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing NEW JERSEY HEARING AID PROJECT Eligibility Application, Form B



IMPORTANT: This application form is to be used only by applicants who are <u>NOT</u> members of the Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)

The New Jersey Hearing Aid Project offers free refurbished hearing aids for individuals that meet program eligibility. The Hearing Aid Project is an innovative initiative launched by the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH), in partnership with Montclair State University.

Program Eligibility:

- Must have hearing loss
- Must be above the age of 65 OR are disabled and receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Must be a New Jersey resident

2025 INCOME GUIDELINES:

Single: no greater than \$53,446 Married: no greater than \$60,690

SECTION 1: Please answer the following questions by checking the appropriate box. Please select one box.

Do you have a hearing loss?
 □ YES □ NO

If you answered NO to question 1, please do not complete this application. Individuals who do not have hearing loss are not eligible for NJHAP.

Do you currently own a functioning hearing aid(s) appropriate for your hearing loss?
 □ YES
 □ NO

If you answered "YES" to question 2, please do not complete this application. Individuals with functioning hearing aids are not eligible for NJHAP.

3. Are you 65 years of age or older? □ YES □ NO

Are you disabled and receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)?
 □ YES
 □ NO

If you answered "NO" to questions 3 **and** 4, please do not complete this application. Individuals who are not 65 years or older, **or** are not disabled and receiving SSDI are not eligible for NJHAP.

- 5. Are you a PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled) recipient? □ YES □ NO
- 6. If you answered "YES" to question 5, please enter your PAAD number:

SECTION 2: Please provide a **copy** of ONE (1) document from List A **OR** TWO (2) documents from List B to establish proof of age.

| List A | List B |
|--|---------------------------------|
| □ Birth certificate | Driver's license |
| Baptismal certificate | Delayed birth certificate |
| \Box Social security records that include date | State of Federal Census records |
| of birth | School records |
| Railroad retirement records that include | Foreign Passport |
| date of birth | Voting records |
| | Marriage certificate |

SECTION 3: Please provide a **copy** of TWO (2) of the following documents to establish proof of residency.

IMPORTANT: Proof of residency must be current and dated within the last six (6) months, date must be clearly visible:

| 🗆 NJ or Municipal ID card | Lease agreement |
|---|--|
| NJ Driver's license | Tax Returns, last two years |
| 🗆 NJ Student ID | Social Security records (e. g. Third Party |
| Public utility records and receipts (e.g. | Query, Form SSA-2458, etc.) |
| Electric, telephone bill, etc.) | Post Office records |
| □ Bank statements | □ Bills of business or professionals (e.g. |
| □ Mortgage statements | Doctors, pharmacies, etc. |

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SECTION 4: This form will be scanned for computerized data capture. Please follow the instructions to ensure that the application is processed quickly and accurately.

- Use blue or black ink only.
- Print clearly, in uppercase letters.
- Correct errors with white correction fluid.

| Last Name: | _ Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.): |
|---|----------------------------|
| First Name: | Middle Initial: |
| Date of Birth: / / | |
| Social Security Number: | |
| Marital Status (Please check ONE box.): | |
| □ Single | Separated * |
| Married | □ Divorced |
| □ Widowed | |
| | |

Has there been a change to your marital status within the last year? (Please check ONE box.)

- □ YES
- \Box NO

If you answered YES, please list the date of change: _____ / _____/

IMPORTANT: *If you answered "Separated", please submit an "Affidavit of Separation" form, which MUST accompany this application. If an "Affidavit of Separation" is needed, call (800) 792-9745.

SECTION 5: If you answered "Married" please complete the following section regarding your spouse. Please follow the instructions listed in "**SECTION 4**". All questions MUST be answered if married and living together.

| Last Name: | Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.): |
|------------|--------------------------|
| | |

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Social Security Number: ______ - _____ - _____

SECTION 6: Please complete the following section regarding your physical address. Please follow the instructions listed in "**SECTION 3**".

Stress Address: ______

City: ______State: _____

Zip Code: _____

1. Is this your primary place of residence? (Please check one box.)

 \Box YES

 \Box NO

IMPORTANT: A seasonal or temporary residence in New Jersey DOES NOT qualify as a primary place of residence for the New Jersey Hearing Aid Project.

2. Please enter your Mailing Address, if different from above.

Stress Address: _____

City: _____State: _____

Zip Code: _____

SECTION 7: Please answer the following questions by checking one box.

1. Did you and/or your spouse file a Federal or State income tax return last year?

□ YES

 \Box NO

If you answered YES, please submit signed copies of each return, including all schedules, with this application.

SECTION 8: If you (or your spouse, if married and living together) receive income from any of the sources listed below, please enter the total current yearly income in the appropriate boxes. DO NOT INCLUDE CENTS. If you or your spouse do not receive income from any of the sources listed below, please check the NONE box.

| 1. Social Security Benefits (Net) | | | \$ |
|--|----------|--------|----------|
| | | - | \$\$ |
| | | □ NONE | ↓ ↓ |
| 2. Medicare Part B Premium | | | \$ |
| (If deducted from Social Security check) | | | \$ |
| | | | |
| 3. Medicare Part D Premium | 🗆 YOU | □ NONE | \$ |
| (If deducted from Social Security check) | □ SPOUSE | □ NONE | \$ |
| | | | |
| 4. Interest | 🗆 YOU | □ NONE | \$ |
| (Including tax-exempt) | □ SPOUSE | □ NONE | \$ |
| 5. Dividends | | | |
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| | | □ NONE | ې |
| 6. IRA Distributions | | | \$ |
| | | | \$ |
| | | | |
| 7. Railroad Retirement | □ YOU | | \$ |
| | | □ NONE | \$ |
| | | | |
| 8. Veterans | 🗆 YOU | □ NONE | \$ |
| | □ SPOUSE | □ NONE | \$ |
| | | _ | |
| 9. Other pensions | □ YOU | □ NONE | \$ |
| | | □ NONE | \$ |
| 10. Annuities | | | \$ |
| | | | \$ |
| | | | т |
| 11. Salary (Gross, before payroll | | | \$ |
| deductions) | | | \$ |
| | | | |
| 12. Other income not listed above: | 🗆 YOU | □ NONE | \$ |
| (Please specify.) | □ SPOUSE | □ NONE | \$ |
| Net Rental | | | |
| Worker's Comp | | | |
| Alimony | | | |

| □ **Other | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|---|
| ** Identify "Other" source of income: | | _ |

SECTION 9: Please complete the following Applicant Certification and Waiver.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that I meet the Program's eligibility requirements and will notify the Program immediately if my income rises above the eligible limit, I moved from New Jersey, or become Medicaid eligible. I authorize the release of information necessary to determine my eligibility from the records in possession of the Social Security Administration (SSA), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), New Jersey Division of Taxation, New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, employers, banks, utility companies, and others as the need arises. It is understood that I may be liable for repayment for any benefits or payments which are determined to have been incorrectly provided. I am authorizing the New Jersey Hearing Aid Project (NJHAP) to disclose to other state agencies the financial information listed, as well as utility information, and other identifiable information from my file, such as my name, date of birth, and social security number to start the application process for Medicare Savings Programs, USF/LIHEAP, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD).

If you are unable to sign, a representative may sign for you.

 Applicant signature:

 Phone Number:

Date:

Spouse's signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 10: If you are assisting someone else in completing this application, please complete the following portion and include a Release of Information Form.

1. Please check one of the following boxes regarding relationship to the applicant.

| Family Member | □ Advocate |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 🗆 Friend | Social Worker |
| □ Attorney | Other (please specify): |
| □ Agency | |
| Last Name: | Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.): |
| First Name: | Middle Initial: |
| Stress Address: | |
| | |

City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Preparer's Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

SECTION 11: The following portion of this application is to be completed by the treating Physician. Please use CAPITAL LETTERS.

| Dhycician (Drint Nama) | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Physician (Print Name) | |
| | Date: |
| Signature of Physician | |
| | |
| Business Address of Physician | |
| Business Address of Physician | |

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FORM BY:

MAIL: Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing New Jersey Hearing Aid Project PO Box 074 Trenton, NJ 08625-0074

OR FAX: (609) 588-2528

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:

(609) 588-2648 (800) 792-8339 (609) 503-4862 videophone

Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing New Jersey Hearing Aid Project

EMAIL: DDHH.communications2@dhs.nj.gov



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□ A copy of ONE (1) document from List A to establish proof of age. (SECTION 2) □ OR copies of TWO (2) documents from List B to establish proof of age.

□ Copies of TWO (2) documents to establish proof of residency. (SECTION 3)

IMPORTANT: Proof of residency must be current and dated within the last six (6) months. The date must be clearly visible.

□ A copy of the "Affidavit of Separation", IF separated. (SECTION 4)

□ A **signed copy** of last year's Federal or State income tax including all schedules, if you answered YES. **(SECTION 7)**

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□ Income report complete (SECTION 8)

□ Applicant Certification and Waiver signed by Applicant (SECTION 9)

□ Applicant Certification and Waiver signed by Spouse, IF married (SECTION 9)

□ Preparer's signature, IF applicant received assistance in filling out the application. **(SECTION 10)**

□ Release of Information included, IF applicant received assistance in filling out the application. **(SECTION 10)**

□ Treating Physician's signature (SECTION 11)