# Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD)

# THE PROGRAM

- HAAAD provides up to a \$500 reimbursement to offset the purchase of one hearing aid, or up to \$1,000 for two hearing aids, per calendar year;
- One reimbursement is allowed per calendar year. If a hearing aid is purchased in a subsequent calendar year, a new HAAAD application is required;
- "Hearing Aid" means a custom-fitted ear-level or body-worn electronic device which enhances communication for the hearing impaired;
- Beneficiaries must be currently enrolled in the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program or Lifeline Utility Assistance (Lifeline) program, and meet the PAAD and Lifeline eligibility criteria
- An original receipt for the purchase of the hearing aid must accompany the application.
- If NOT currently enrolled in the PAAD or Lifeline program, an NJSave application must be completed to verify age or disability status, residency, and annual income.
- If an individual has hearing aid benefits under Medicaid, another health insurance provider, or retirement benefits, HAAAD would not assist in reimbursement.
- If coverage is limited or partial, reimbursement may be possible within guidelines.

For additional information, contact DDHH at 1-800-792-9745 (toll free).



### DONATIONS TO NJHAP:

Hearing aids donations can be mailed in a padded envelope, box, or unlabeled prescription container to:

### New Jersey Hearing Aid Project Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Montclair State University 1515 Broad Street, Bldg B Bloomfield, NJ 07003

#### NEW JERSEY HUMAN SERVICES



NJ Department of Human Services Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing PO Box 074, Trenton, NJ 08625-0074 https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/ (609) 588-2648

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# **Hearing Aid Programs**

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# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

New Jersey Hearing Aid Project (NJHAP) 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 in partnership with Montclair State University (MSU).

# PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the program applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 65 years of age or older, or disabled and receiving Social Security Disability Income
- Resident of New Jersey
- · Physician's signature determining the necessity of a hearing aid
- · Income must not be greater than the income guidelines for the current year
- · Not eligible for other sources of hearing aid assistance (e.g. Medicaid)
- · Does not currently possess a usable hearing aid

# APPLICATION PROCESS

To request an application, contact the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at (609) 588-2648 or visit: https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/hearingaid/project/

Currently registered recipients of Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD), please request Eligibility Application Form A. Those not registered, please request Eligibility Application Form B. Return the completed application form to the address noted on the application form.





## HEARING AID DISBURSEMENT

NJHAP is dependent upon the availability of donated hearing aids. In some cases, an appropriate hearing aid may not be readily available and may take eight - twelve weeks to become available. Approved applicants will be notified when the appropriate hearing aid(s) becomes available.

For more information, or status updates, contact MSU at NJHAP@montclair.edu or (973) 655-2093.

# OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES

There is no cost for the reconditioned hearing aid(s).

Qualified participants will be responsible for the cost of ear molds and batteries. Participants will also be responsible for repair fees after the warranty expires. The fee will be dependent upon the model of the hearing aid.

The audiologist may accept insurance or charge for the hearing evaluation. Applicants that require a diagnostic hearing evaluation should obtain a physician referral. This service may be billed to Medicare and/or a private insurance provider. Participants will be responsible for any service visit charges beyond the initial 3 visits.