

ASSEMBLY, No. 988

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Assemblymen MORAN and CONNORS

1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the  
2 Aged and Disabled," amending and supplementing P.L.1975, c.194  
3 and amending P.L.1978, c.171 and P.L.1979, c.27.  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. (New section) A single or married resident whose income  
9 exceeds the income eligibility requirements in section 2 of P.L.1975,  
10 c.194 (C.30:4D-21) but who is otherwise eligible for Pharmaceutical  
11 Assistance to the Aged and Disabled, is eligible for assistance under  
12 P.L.1975, c.194 (C.30:4D-20 et seq.) for a period of a year when his  
13 prescription drug expenses incurred in that year and for which there  
14 was no third party reimbursement exceed the difference between his  
15 income for that year and the applicable income eligibility requirement.  
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17 2. Section 1 of P.L.1975, c.194 (C.30:4D-20) is amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 1. The commissioner shall establish a program which shall be  
20 known as "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled."  
21 (cf: P.L.1975, c.194, s.1)  
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23 3. Section 9 of P.L.1978, c.171 (C.30:4D-32) is amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 9. The commissioner shall issue an annual report to the Governor  
26 and the Legislature by October 1 of each year. Such report shall  
27 include a summary of "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and  
28 Disabled" program activities for the preceding fiscal year and any  
29 recommendations or suggestions for legislative consideration.  
30 (cf: P.L.1978, c.171, s.9)  
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32 4. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.27 (C.30:4D-34) is amended to read as

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 follows:

2 1. Any eligible person under the program of Pharmaceutical  
3 Assistance to the Aged and Disabled shall, upon the submission of  
4 such application and proof of expenditure as the department may  
5 prescribe, be reimbursed for the cost of all prescription drugs  
6 purchased by such person, minus a \$2.00 copayment per prescription,  
7 during the period commencing 30 days after such person's properly  
8 completed application was received by the department and ending on  
9 the date on which such person received his proof of eligibility from the  
10 department; provided, however, that no reimbursement under this act  
11 shall be made for any prescription drug purchased prior to the effective  
12 date of this act.

13 (cf: P.L.1975, c.194, s.1)

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15 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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18 STATEMENT

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20 This bill provides an alternative means of eligibility for the  
21 "Phamaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program  
22 for a person having high drug bills but whose annual income exceeds  
23 the program's eligibility limits.

24 Under the provisions of the bill, if an otherwise eligible person's  
25 annual income exceeds the program's current limits of \$13,650 for a  
26 single person and \$16,750 for a married person, but that person spends  
27 the amount of the difference between his income and the eligibility  
28 standard on drug purchases, the person would then qualify for the  
29 program and future drug costs would be covered by the program for  
30 one year.

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35 Establishes spend down eligibility category for PAAD.