



Home Modification Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for the program?

In order to be eligible, an individual must be over age 62, reside in Burlington, Camden, or Gloucester County, own or rent the home in which they live, meet income criteria (see below), and have a demonstrated need for physical modifications to the home in order to reduce fall risk.

What are the income requirements?

We verify the gross annual income of all individuals over age 18 residing in the home. Income limits are as follows: 1 person: \$66,850 - 2 people: \$76,400 - 3 people: \$85,950 - 4 people: \$95,500

What is the process to enroll? What happens next?

An initial intake is performed over the phone by the program manager. If determined to be eligible, a home assessment visit is scheduled with our Occupational Therapist. After the home assessment, we will obtain bids from local contractors/installers as needed and work with your schedule to have the work performed. The Occupational Therapist performs a follow up visit once the work is completed.

What should I expect during the home assessment?

The Occupational Therapist will first confirm that the application is completed in full and that supporting documentation is provided. Next, they will take a brief medical history, as well as gather information regarding any falls or areas of your home that you feel are unsafe. They will assess entryways and rooms inside the home, taking photos and measurements in order to provide recommendations for modifications to make the home safer.

Are you sure I don't have to pay?

There is no cost at any time to the participants. The program is fully funded by a grant and there are no loans or repayments involved.

Is this program through Medicare/Medicaid?

No. This program is made possible through the Older Adult Home Modification (OAHMP) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It does not consider, use, or bill your health insurance or work with any medicaid programs.

How long does it take for the work to be completed?

There are many factors. Generally, expect it to take between 2-3 months for larger projects (ramps, stairlifts, etc) and several weeks for smaller projects (grab bars, repairs, etc).

Older Adult Home Modification Program



Older adults in our community can age safely and remain in their homes through a new home modification program, thanks to a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant awarded to the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey (JFSNJ).

How it works:

After an initial phone screening to determine eligibility, JFSNJ's Occupational Therapist will conduct an in-home assessment to determine what, if any, modifications are necessary to improve safety. Modifications will then be implemented by a qualified contractor under the supervision of the Occupational Therapist.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Must be age 62 or older
- The household must be considered low income
- Participants must reside in Camden, Burlington or Gloucester County

Examples of modifications:

- Easy open door handles
- Grab bar installation
- Comfort height toilets
- Improved lighting
- Shower accessibility
- Handrails/railings

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