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**LEGAL SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON CHILD  
HEALTH INSURANCE AND FOOD STAMPS**

EDISON—The latest newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) centers on available assistance for health insurance coverage for children and help for food stamp recipients.

The bilingual publication, “Looking Out For Your Legal Rights,” may be viewed online at [www.lsnjlaw.org](http://www.lsnjlaw.org).

The newsletter offers pieces on additional subjects, including protection against water and utility shut-offs.

Beginning in January and depending upon a family’s income, the state will provide health insurance coverage for all residents under the age of 19, including immigrants.

Starting next month, adults with children in their care are advised to go online at [www.njfamilycare.org](http://www.njfamilycare.org) and click the red star on the home page to begin the application process. Information also is available by calling the LSNJ statewide free legal hotline at 1-888-576-5519.

The children’s program covers a wide range of child health issues, including medical visits, dental exams, and vaccinations, among others.

The state is providing a cushion to mitigate when the expanded COVID-19-related increased federal SNAP (food stamp) benefits are slated to terminate the month after the federal COVID-19 health emergency ends. As a result, the state, beginning next month, will increase the minimum SNAP benefit to \$50 per eligible family.

The related newsletter article offers details on what expenses of a family may be applied in determining SNAP eligibility. People needing help with calculating those potential write-off expenses are advised to call the LSNJLAW Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529).

Meanwhile, another article deals with the Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program, or LIHWAP, which will pay some or all of a resident's water and sewer bill arrears—up to \$2,500 each for sewer and water bills. One of the several listed eligibility requirements is that applicants' household income be at or below 60 percent of the state's medium income, which, for example, amounts to \$3,464 monthly gross income for a single person and \$6,662 for a family of four.

Applicants may contact LIHWAP by calling 800-510-3102.

*Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), located in Edison, heads the state's Legal Services system, a network of six independent nonprofit corporations, and has been providing free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people through offices in all 21 counties for 55 years.*