

Residential Service Medical Equipment Discount Program

Applicability

To customers receiving service under residential rates who meet the eligibility requirements listed below.

Qualification

An application must be completed along with certification from a doctor of medicine or an osteopath licensed to practice medicine in the State of California stating that a medical need exists.

Medical Equipment Device

A medical equipment device, for purposes of these rates, is defined as any medical device requiring utility-supplied energy for its operation that is regularly required to sustain the life of a person residing in a residential dwelling. The term “medical equipment device” includes, but is not limited to, respirators, iron lungs, hemodialysis machines, suction machines, electric nerve stimulators, pressure pads and pumps, aerosol tents, electrostatic and ultrasonic nebulizers, compressors, IPPB machines, and motorized wheelchairs. It also includes air conditioning for all residential rate categories or electric heat for customers on an electric space heat rate, for paraplegic, hemiplegic, or quadriplegic and multiple sclerosis patients.

Eligibility

To qualify for medical equipment discount you must certify in writing that you or a full-time resident in your home is:

- dependent on a medical equipment device used in your home or
- a paraplegic, hemiplegic, or quadriplegic person or multiple-sclerosis patient with special electric space heating needs or air conditioning needs.

Medical conditions other than paraplegia, hemiplegia, quadriplegia, or Multiple Sclerosis may also qualify for this rate if electrically operated equipment is used to sustain, restore or supplant a vital function.

Application

The Medical Equipment Discount Program option will be effective commencing with the beginning of the billing period in which the request is received and approved. Return to another rate option will be effective commencing with the beginning of the billing period in which the request is received or the cancellation date, if enrollment in the Medical Equipment Discount Program is terminated.

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