

Medical Baseline Allowance Program



San Diego Gas & Electric® (SDG&E®) is dedicated to providing safe and reliable energy to those who depend on life support equipment or special environmental conditions. The Medical Baseline Allowance Program helps customers save every month on their energy bill.



Over 50,000 customers, from newborns to seniors, have qualified for our program. Anyone who uses certain medical devices or needs space heating or air conditioning because of a medical condition may qualify. We know those needs require an increase in energy use, so we offer this program to help reduce monthly bills.

What is the Medical Baseline Allowance Program?

The Medical Baseline Allowance Program provides an additional amount of gas and electricity at the lowest rates for residential customers. It is not a discount or rebate.

In addition to your standard baseline allocation, the allowance received with the program is 16.5 kWh of electricity per day or 0.822 therms of natural gas per day, or both.

Who is eligible for the Program?

Anyone with a qualifying medical need can apply for the allowance. To qualify, you or a full-time resident of your home must meet one of the following requirements:

- Require permanent space heating or air conditioning due to conditions such as paraplegia, quadriplegia, hemiplegia, multiple sclerosis, scleroderma, a compromised immune system, a life-threatening illness or to prevent deterioration of a medical condition.
- Require one of the following devices:
 - Aerosol tents
 - Apnea monitors
 - Continuous positive air-way pressure machines (CPAP)

- Hemodialysis machines
- Kidney dialysis machines
- Suction machines
- IPPB machines
- Electrostatic nebulizers
- Ultrasonic nebulizers
- Pressure pumps
- Pressure pads
- Compressors
- Electric nerve stimulators
- Motorized wheelchairs
- Iron lungs
- Respirators
- Oxygen concentrators

Some equipment does not qualify for the allowance, including whirlpool pumps, heating pads, air filters, vaporizers, humidifiers, pool or tank heaters, saunas or hot tubs. However, other equipment that uses electricity may qualify.

What if I pay my landlord for my energy?

You can apply for the Medical Baseline Allowance Program even if you pay for your energy through your landlord or property owner. If your landlord or property owner provides your energy bill, that bill will have the additional allowance.

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» Do I have to renew my application?

Occasionally we may ask that you renew and update your Medical Baseline Allowance application. When we do this, we'll mail you a renewal notice.

Do I have other responsibilities?

If you receive the allowance, you have some responsibilities.

- While we do our best to avoid outages, we cannot guarantee that the power will always be on. Outages happen. We'll attempt to notify you in advance of a state-directed power outage. However, if you require life support equipment, you should make arrangements for a back-up power supply in case of an outage. If you'll be using a generator in case of an outage, state law requires that you call and notify us that you have a generator.
- You're responsible for paying your SDG&E bill within 19 days of the date it is mailed to you. Call our Customer Contact Center immediately if you think you may have difficulty paying your bill. If you do not pay your SDG&E bill on time or make suitable payment arrangements, your service could be shut off.
- You're also responsible for notifying us if the medical equipment is no longer needed, or if the person using it no longer lives at the address where the allowance is given.
- If you move, please let us know as your allowance does not transfer automatically.

How do I apply?*

Applying for the program is easy.

1. You need to complete Part 1 of the application.
2. Have a licensed Medical Practitioner** verify your medical condition, the need for the equipment, or both, fill out Part 2 and sign.
3. Return Part 1 and Part 2 together to SDG&E by mail, fax or email (all located on the application).

Your application will be processed within 30 days of receiving it. Please keep a copy for your records.

Contact us

If you'd like more information on the Medical Baseline Allowance Program or any of the services we offer, contact SDG&E at **1-800-411-7343** or by email at medicalbaseline@sdge.com. You can also visit us at sdge.com/medicalbaseline. Medical Baseline Allowance

applications are available to download from our website in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog and large type.

Other helpful services

SDG&E provides a variety of services that can help you with bill payments:

Third-party reminder

If you or someone you know needs an extra reminder to pay their SDG&E bill, use our Third-Party Notification service. With this service, we'll notify another person of your choice if your payment is late. This can help avoid any interruption in service. To enroll, call **1-800-411-7343** or visit sdge.com/thirdparty.

Level Pay Plan (LPP)

If you'd like to have more predictable energy bills each month, our LPP can help at no cost. This plan helps smooth out the ups and downs of your monthly energy bill. These highs and lows are caused by changes in the weather and how you use your appliances.

LPP will average your annual energy use and costs during a 12-month period. You pay an average bill amount each month instead of actual charges. To apply either call us at **1-800-411-7343** or visit us at sdge.com/lpp and click on the enroll online link.

Payment offices

You can also pay your bill at any of our branch offices or one of our many independent bill payment locations throughout the area. Call **1-800-411-7343** to locate a payment office.

CARE Program

You may qualify for a discount every month on your SDG&E bill if your household meets the requirements. Call **211** or visit sdge.com/care to apply. You will need your account number.

Energy Savings Assistance Program

Save money and live more comfortably with free weatherization services and new appliances from this program, which is open to renters and homeowners.*** Visit sdge.com/esap or call **1-866-597-0597**.

TDD/TTY

For people with hearing impairments, SDG&E offers TDD/TTY at **1-877-889-7343**.

*Per SDG&E Advice Letter 3516-E-A/2854-G-A, submitted pursuant to Resolution M-4842, medical provider certification for program enrollment will be suspended for a period of up to 12 months from the date of Resolution M-4842, or April 16, 2021.

**A licensed Medical Doctor (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant may certify a patient's eligibility as having a life-threatening condition or illness.

***Homes previously participating in the program may be excluded from additional program participation.

Medical Baseline Allowance Application

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**IMPORTANT: SUBMIT BOTH PAGES FRONT AND BACK.
ENTIRE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT OR IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.***

Part 1: To be completed by Customer (please print)

SDG&E® Customer Account #:		Email Address:	
Customer Name (as it appears on your bill):			
Patient's Name (if different from customer):			
Service Address:		Unit/Space:	
		City:	
Customer Mailing Address (if different):			
Home Phone:	()	Mobile Phone:	()

For customers billed by someone other than SDG&E:

Name of Mobile Home or Apartment Complex:			
Complex Address:		Unit/Space:	
Complex Manager's Name:		Complex Phone:	()
Name of Tenant:		Tenant's Phone:	()

How would you like to be contacted in case of planned or rotating power outages?

MUST SELECT ONE AND PROVIDE PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL BELOW. IF A PHONE NUMBER IS NOT GIVEN, WE'LL DEFAULT TO YOUR HOME PHONE:

- Call me at the number below OR Send me a text message at the number below OR
 Contact me by TDD/TTY at the number below OR Email me at the address below

Phone Number OR Email:	
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I understand that:

- 1 If a licensed Medical Practitioner** certifies the resident's medical condition is permanent, SDG&E will require completion of a form self-certifying resident's continued eligibility for the Medical Baseline Allowance every two years.
- 2 If the licensed Medical Practitioner** certifies the resident's medical condition is not permanent, SDG&E will require completion of a form self-certifying resident's continued eligibility for the Medical Baseline Allowance each year and completion of a new application with a licensed Medical Practitioner's** certification every two years.
- 3 If the resident has a vision disability, I may contact SDG&E to request special notification when either recertification (to complete a new application with a licensed Medical Practitioner's** certification) or self-certification forms are mailed.
- 4 SDG&E cannot guarantee uninterrupted gas and electric service and I am responsible for making alternate arrangements in the event of a gas or electric outage.

I certify that the above information is correct. I also certify that the qualifying resident lives full-time at this address and requires or continues to require the Medical Baseline Allowance. I agree to allow SDG&E to verify this information.

I also agree to promptly notify SDG&E if the qualified resident moves or the Medical Baseline Allowance is no longer needed by the resident. By signing below, I authorize SDG&E to share my customer information with other utilities and/or their agents to enable them to enroll me in other utility assistance programs.

I also authorize SDG&E to share my information regarding my participation in SDG&E's Medical Baseline Allowance Program, including, without limitation, my name, address, contact information, circuit data, Medical Baseline Allowance Program enrollment status and medical equipment needs as described in this form if requested by emergency services professionals and agencies at the city, county, state and federal level for the purposes of managing de-energizations and to allow such parties to plan for and manage emergency situations.

Customer Signature:		Date:	
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The standard medical baseline allowance is 16.5 kilowatt-hours of electricity and/or 0.822 therms of natural gas per day, which is in addition to your daily standard baseline allocation. If this allowance does not meet your medical needs, please contact SDG&E at **1-800-411-7343** to discuss additional amounts.

Part 2:* To be completed by a licensed Medical Practitioner** (all of sections 1-5 must be filled out)

I certify the medical condition and needs of my patient (please print):

Patient's Last Name:	First Name:
Customer Address:	

1. Requires use of a medical device.

The following medical devices are used in the above-named patient's home:

Device:	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas
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2. The medical device(s) listed above are required for life support (must check one) Yes No

A qualifying life support device is any medical device used to sustain life or is relied upon for mobility. This device must run on gas or electricity supplied by SDG&E. It includes, but is not limited to, respirators (oxygen concentrators), iron lungs, hemodialysis machines, suction machines, electric nerve stimulators, pressure pads and pumps, aerosol tents, electrostatic and ultrasonic nebulizers, compressors, IPPB machines, kidney dialysis machines and motorized wheelchairs. **Devices used for therapy rather than life support do not qualify.**

3. Requires heating and cooling.

The Medical Baseline Allowance is available for heating and/or cooling if the patient is paraplegic, quadriplegic, hemiplegic, has multiple sclerosis or scleroderma. The allowance is also available if the patient has a compromised immune system, life-threatening illness or any other condition for which **additional heating or cooling is medically necessary to sustain the patient's life or prevent deterioration of the patient's medical condition.**

Requires the standard Medical Baseline Allowance for heating: (check one) Yes No

Requires the standard Medical Baseline Allowance for cooling: (check one) Yes No

4. I certify that the medical device(s) and/or additional heating or cooling will be required for approximately:
(check one) No. of Years _____ or Permanently

5. How long can the patient survive without using life support equipment?

(check one) 2 Hours or Less or More than 2 Hours

Note: While we do our best to avoid outages, we cannot guarantee that the power will always be on. Outages happen. SDG&E will attempt to notify the patient in advance of a state-directed power outage. However, if the patient requires life support equipment, he/she should make arrangements for a backup power supply in case of an outage.

Licensed Medical Practitioner** Name:	Phone No.:	()
Office Address:		
Medical State License or Military License Number:		
Signature of Licensed Medical Practitioner**:	Date:	

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Medical Baseline Allowance Program Manager
San Diego Gas & Electric | P.O. Box 129831 | San Diego, CA 92112-9831
Fax: 1-858-636-5749 Email: medicalbaseline@sdge.com

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