

# SMUD's Medical Equipment Discount

Do you or someone living in your home have a medical condition that requires the use of an electrically powered device? Does your medical condition require special home heating and cooling? SMUD's Medical Equipment Discount (MED) Rate can help.

The MED Rate provides a monthly discount on your SMUD bill to help offset some of the electricity costs resulting from a medical condition certified by a licensed physician.

## MED Rate to be updated in 2010

SMUD's Board of Directors approved changes to the MED Rate effective January 1, 2010 to make sure the discount accurately reflects the cost of operating electrically powered equipment for medical reasons, creating fairness for all customers.



## New MED Rate Discount

To help customers plan for the new discount, the change will be phased in over a two-year period. The first step, effective Jan. 1, 2010, includes a \$15 flat discount and a 15 percent discount on Tier 2 energy use.

The second step will be a \$15 flat discount without the additional 15 percent discount on Tier 2. This second step will start on Jan. 1, 2011.

On January 1, 2011, the list of devices qualifying for the MED Rate will be updated. The list has remained unchanged for 20 years and will be brought current to reflect advances in medical technology and energy efficiency. Devices that use very small amounts of electricity may be removed from the list.

## Energy Assistance Program Rate (EAPR)

This monthly discount based on household size and income can be combined with the MED Rate discount – helping you get the most savings every month. If you qualify, we encourage you to apply. Customers participating in both programs receive a 35 percent discount on Tier 1 energy use, a 30 percent discount on Tier 2, a 50 percent discount on the \$7 monthly service charge, plus a flat \$15 monthly discount. Visit [smud.org](http://smud.org) for an application for the Energy Assistance Program Rate, or call 1-888-742-SMUD (7683).

If the standard MED Rate does not meet your medical needs, please email [MedicalDiscount@smud.org](mailto:MedicalDiscount@smud.org) or call (916) 732-7370.

