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Summary

The SSI facilitation chapter was revised to clarify that facilitation is provided to all GA and TANF recipients that appear to meet SSI criteria.

SSI Facilitation - Introduction

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Purpose: ~~Document all actions in ICMS (GA) or eJAS (TANF)~~ Describe SSI and Facilitation.

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CLARIFYING INFORMATION

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

1. SSI is administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA).
2. SSI (Title 16) is a Federal assistance program that provides cash and medical benefits to people who:
 - a. Do not have qualifying work quarters for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI, Title 2),
 - b. Meet the same disability criteria as SSDI, and
 - c. Meet financial resource and income limits set by SSA.
3. When SSI is approved, and a valid agreement [18-235](#) is established, SSA reimburses the state for assistance provided to GA recipients while the SSI application is pending (interim assistance).

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

1. SSA determines SSDI eligibility for every person who applies for SSI.
2. A concurrent claim means that a person has applied for both SSI and SSDI.
3. To be eligible for SSDI, a person must have worked and contributed to Social Security for a required number of work quarters.
4. States do not receive interim assistance reimbursement for SSDI payments.

Benefits of Receiving SSI

1. ~~Clients receiving~~ GA or TANF recipients who are approved for SSI typically receive:
 - a. Increased income,
 - b. Access to vocational retraining programs and supported work programs; and
 - c. Long term eligibility for cash and medical assistance.
2. DSHS benefits through recovery of interim assistance and reduced caseloads.
3. Households receiving TANF receive higher income because SSI payments are not counted as income to the rest of the household.

~~Social~~ Worker Responsibilities

1. Assist ~~persons receiving~~ ALL GA or TANF recipients who appear to be potentially eligible for SSI.

Assistance includes:

- a. ~~Assessing~~ Assessing client needs and appropriateness for SSI facilitation.
- b. ~~Helping~~ Helping complete SSA application forms.

~~c.~~ — Tracking SSA applications.

~~d.~~ — Coordinating services.

~~2.4.~~ Provide facilitation services to All:

~~a.~~ ~~a.~~ — ~~All GA recipients clients~~ approved for ~~GA-X~~ Expedited Medicaid (GA-X).

~~b.~~ GA recipients who appear to meet SSI disability criteria, but were denied Expedited Medicaid because the credentials of their medical provider did not meet evidentiary rules (diagnosis by a doctor).

~~c.~~ ~~b.~~ — All GA-Disabled (GA-D) and GA-Aged (GA-A) ~~clients recipients~~ who meet citizenship requirements.

~~d.~~ ~~c.~~ — All TANF ~~clients recipients~~ who appear to meet SSI disability criteria.

~~3.2.~~ Develop professional working relationships with:

a. Social Security District Office (SSADO),⁵⁷

b. Division of Disability Determination Services (DDDS),⁵⁷ and

c. Home and Community Services (HCS).

~~4.3.~~ Provide Equal Access (EA) assessment, planning, and services as appropriate.

NOTE:

~~A GA-U client who has been approved for non-grant medical (NGMA) is eligible for Medicaid and SSI facilitation. GA-X determination is not needed for clients with a current NGMA approval.~~

~~5.4.~~ Adhere to the following timeframes and procedures:

a. — Use DSHS 14-332, Disability Assessment to determine when a person potentially meets SSA disability criteria if not done as PEP Step 8.⁵⁷

b. — Request GA-X within 5 days of the determination that the person meets SSA disability criteria.⁵⁷

c. — Refer the person to the SSI Facilitator within 5 days of GA-X approval.⁵⁷

d. — Assist the person with filing the initial SSI application within 60 calendar days of GA-X approval and within 90 days of the date a person receiving TANF is referred for facilitation services.⁵⁷

e. — Meet filing deadlines for reconsideration requests and hearings.⁵⁷ and

f. — Verify that a current DSHS 18-235, Interim Assistance ~~Reimbursement~~ Reimbursement Authorization (IARA) is on file with Social Security Administration (SSA) within 10 working days after approval for GA-X or 30 days after the date the form is signed by the person (Whichever date comes first).

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• [GAU](#)

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