

16.11 GENERAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISABLED ADULTS (GA FOR DA)

GA for DA is discontinued beginning July 1, 1996. Refer to Appendix B of this Chapter for implementing instructions. Disregard all other references to GA for DA throughout this Manual. This information is retained for historical information only.

Income: AFDC/U Payment Level **Assets:** \$1,000

NOTE: GA for DA clients are not subject to a spenddown provision.

Prior to January, 1980, the GA for DA Program provided a cash payment and medical card to eligible individuals. The Department stopped the cash payment, but was court-ordered to continue medical assistance at the same level provided for Medicaid recipients. Medical services are paid for from state money only; i.e., there is no federal match. The usual three-month backdating period does not apply to GA for DA.

An individual is eligible for Medicaid when all of the following conditions are met:

- The individual is age 18 or over.
- The individual meets the income standard described in Chapter 10.
- The individual meets the asset standard described in Chapter 11.
- The individual meets the definition of disability found in Chapter 12.

NOTE: This is the same definition of disability used by SSI, except the duration of the disability is only six (6) months for GA for DA.

- The individual has applied for and been denied SSI. Reapplication for SSI is required at each redetermination unless the client's appeal of a previous denial is still pending. If he has been denied within the last six months, eligibility begins on the date of application. Otherwise, he must be referred to SSA to apply for SSI and benefits must not start until he has been denied SSI. If SSI eligibility cannot be determined during the processing time limit for GA for DA, the application is denied and the client must reapply for further consideration.
- The individual is not eligible under any other Medicaid coverage group which offers full-Medicaid coverage.