D Interview Process - The Interview

All participants must be interviewed prior to determining eligibility for the following:

- New application
- Renewals

Interviews are conducted at any of the following locations:

- The local office
- Another approved site
- In the participant's home (See <u>Home Visits</u>)

Interviews are to be completed by any of the following:

- Face-to-face in the local office
- Home visits
- <u>Telephone interview</u>
- Approved <u>outside agencies</u>

The participant must be present at the interview. They may choose to have a representative present who may complete the interview or assist the participant during the interview.

During the interview, complete the following:

Follow the procedures in **Beginning the Interview**.

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• Advise the participant of the information listed in <u>Informing the</u> <u>Participant</u>.

GA EXCEPTION

In addition to the previously listed procedures, advise the participant of the following:

- The requirement to sign an authorization for reimbursement. Explain the <u>Interim Assistance Reimbursement</u> (IAR) process when the participant is potentially eligible for SSI.
- The <u>six additional months</u> allowed after federal SSI or RSDI benefits are denied. The participant is potentially eligible for additional months when there is a pending appeal for a denial of Social Security or SSI.
 - <u>Request missing verification</u>. Give the participant ten days from the date of interview to provide the verification.
 - At the end of the interview assist the participant to <u>complete</u> <u>the final steps</u>.