D GA Interim Assistance Authorization - Denial of SSA Benefits

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When a GA participant's application for SSA benefits is denied by SSA, OARC receives a copy of the denial notice and forwards it to the local office.

The notice may indicate the application was denied due to the participant's failure to complete any part of the SSA application process. When this occurs, contact the participant to inform them that they must complete the SSA application process to be potentially eligible for GA.

The notice may indicate the application was denied due to a determination by SSA of no disability. The GA case must be closed when an SSA determination of no disability is received. The SSA denial or closure notice confirms that the GA participant is no longer unemployable. (See <u>Determining the 12 Months(sta)</u>, when verification is provided that an appeal for a hearing has been requested due to denial of RSDI or SSI)

When notice of SSA benefit denial is received, send the participant a G403 notice. The G403 informs the participant of the following:

- FAA has received notice of the participant's SSA benefit denial.
- Issuance of GA benefits is based on the participant's unemployability.
- When SSA determines a participant is employable and SSA benefits are denied, the GA case must be closed.
- Persons who file an appeal with SSA regarding denial of their SSA benefits, and who provide verification to FAA that their appeal is at any level of the SSA appeal process, are eligible for up to six additional months of GA.

When verification of an SSA appeal is provided within ten calendar days of sending the G403, key the following on STAI:

• The appeal level (1, 2, or 3) in the SS APPEAL LEVEL field.

The appeal date in the CURRENT SS APPEAL DATE field.

NOTE AZTECS automatically updates the GA EXTENSION field with the SA (GA Extension During SSI Appeal) GA Extension Code.

STAA indicates the participant is eligible for up to an additional six months of GA.

When verification of an SSA appeal is not provided within ten calendar days of sending the G403, complete the following:

- Key Y in the SS DENIAL field on STAI.
- Review STAA. STAA indicates the participant is not eligible for GA.
- Key the DN Denial or Closure Reason Code in the DENIAL/CLOSURE REASON field on STAA allowing for NOAA.
- Send the G200 notice.