

## B Determining the Up to 12 Months of GA Payment

At the time of a new application or at renewal, review the following:

- The approval or denial status of the participant's or the caretaker's disabled person's SSA application
- GACD to determine the following:
  - The number of months that GA benefits have been paid
  - The number of months remaining in the up to 12 months of GA payment

**NOTE** When a participant files a new application with SSA, the participant is eligible for GA benefits in the up to 12 month period. This applies even when the participant had received GA based on a prior SSA application.

### **WARNING**

When a GA participant received any of the up to six additional months of GA based on an appeal of the SSA application, the participant is no longer eligible for GA during the current 36-consecutive month period.

When determining the up to 12 months of payments, consider all of the following:

- Count ALL months for which GA payments are issued. An X payment indicator displays in the JAN...DEC field on GACD.
- DO NOT count any of the following months:
  - Months in which a GA overpayment is written.
  - Months for which GA was received in another state.
- The 12 months of payments are not required to be consecutive.

### **EXCEPTION**

[Adult Caretakers](#) are not subject to the 12-month time limit. The payment limit for a GA caretaker is dependent on the verified need of continued care for the disabled person and the status of the disabled person's RSDI/SSI application.

**WARNING**

When the participant has applied for SSA prior to applying for GA, they may receive up to 18 months of benefits during any 36-consecutive month period, when one of the following applies:

- The SSA eligibility determination is pending.
- The applicant has an appeal pending with SSA at any level of the [SSA Three Level Appeal Process](#).

When the participant has received up to 12 months of GA, deny the application or stop benefits when either of the following occurs:

- The participant's SSA application is still pending with SSA
- The participant's SSA application has been denied and the participant did not appeal the denial

(See [Expiration of the 12 Months of Payment](#))