

### 03 GA 18 Months - 36 Consecutive Month Period - Overview

A participant may receive up to 18 months of GA payments during ANY [36-consecutive month](#) period of time.

The 18 months include the following:

- Up to 12 months of benefits when the participant has turned in a new GA application and either of the following occurs:  
The participant has a pending application with SSA  
An appeal pending at any level with SSA  
The participant has an appeal pending at any level of the [SSA Three Level Appeal Process](#) and the 36-consecutive month period has not been established
- Up to six additional months of GA when both of the following occur:  
The participant has received up to 12 months of GA  
The participant has an appeal pending at any level of the SSA Three Level Appeal Process

#### WARNING

The six additional months are not required to be consecutive. ONLY count months for which GA payments are issued.

Policy and procedures regarding the GA time limits are outlined as follows:

- [Determining the 36-Consecutive Months Period](#)
- [Determining the 12 Months of GA Payment](#)
- [Determining the Six Additional Months](#)