

.02 Interview Process - Referral to Advocates for the Disabled - Screening

Advocates for the Disabled assists GA participants and homeless persons in the SSI or SSI/SSA disability application process when potentially eligible to receive this benefit.

EXCEPTION

Advocates for the Disabled offers other assistance to persons regardless of whether they are applying for GA or are homeless. (See [Advocates for the Disabled Services](#))

Assistance is offered to persons who are Arizona residents under the age of 65, and who meet any of the following criteria:

- Have an active claim for SSI or SSI/SSA disability benefits, such as a denial that is being appealed.
- Have been notified that their SSI or SSI/SSA disability benefits status may be discontinued.
- Are diagnosed HIV positive and have applied for SSI benefits.

Complete a referral when a participant has a physical disability or mental illness that is expected to last at least 12 months.

NOTE [Social disabilities](#) must be considered.

Participants who are determined to be potentially eligible for SSI comprise the targeted group for referral.

WARNING

Referrals to Advocates for the Disabled may be completed even when it is questionable whether a participant is eligible for services. Advocates for the Disabled makes the final determination of eligibility for their services.