

## A GA Up to Six Additional Months - Eligibility

The participant is eligible for up to six additional months of GA benefits when either of the following occurs:

- An appeal is filed following a denial of an SSA application
- An appeal is filed at the next level following the denial of the appeal that was used to establish the 36-consecutive month period

The six additional months begin with one of the following:

- The month following the month the appeal is filed when the participant is currently receiving benefits
- The first month of GA eligibility based on the new GA application when a participant is not currently receiving benefits

### WARNING

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

When the participant is currently receiving GA benefits and the SSA application is denied, FAA receives one of the following:

- The SSA DENIED MM/DD/YY ACTS alert
- The Notification of SSA Claim Denial (SSA-L8125) from OARC

When this occurs, approve up to six additional months of GA benefits, ONLY when all of the following criteria are met:

- The participant has an appeal pending with SSA on a denial of an SSA Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) or Social Security Income (SSI) disability claim. (See [Verification For Up to Six Additional Months](#))

- The participant meets all other GA eligibility factors. (See [Eligibility Factors Table- STA](#))

#### **EXCEPTION**

A new medical disability determination is NOT required when determining eligibility for the six additional months. The disability confirmation obtained at initial approval remains valid during the six additional months.

**NOTE** The up to six additional months is limited to GA caretaker and noncaretaker budgetary units whose SSA applications have been denied and who have appealed the SSA denial with SSA. (See [Determining the 12 Months of Payment](#)) when the appeal is filed during the 12-month time limit)

The eligibility for the full six additional months ends when SSA benefits are approved, denied, or the six additional months expires, whichever comes first.

Participants who have filed an SSA appeal may have the appeal denied during the six additional months. When this occurs, the participant may receive the remaining portion of the six additional months when they verify that they have filed an appeal with SSA at the next level. (See [SSA Three Level Appeal Process](#))

When the six additional months are approved within the GA 12-month period, the 12 month eligibility period ends. Eligibility for the up to six additional months replaces the 12-month eligibility period.