



Information Memorandum

Oregon Department of Human Services

Originating Cluster:

Seniors and People with Disabilities

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Signature

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Subject: General Assistance (GA) Outreach

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Children Adults and Families
- Community Human Services
- Other (please specify): _____
- County DD Program Managers
- County Mental Health Directors
- Health Services
- Seniors and People with Disabilities

Message: In an effort to increase awareness of the GA program, Central Office will be mailing the attached outreach reminder letter to all individuals who are currently receiving OSIPM-Presumptive Medicaid. The letter provides some eligibility criteria and instructs the client to contact their local office for additional information if they meet the criteria.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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Dear:

The Oregon Legislature has authorized approval for a new General Assistance (GA) program. The program will closely mirror the requirements of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program through the Social Security Administration (SSA).

The GA program began on November 1, 2003. GA provides interim cash and medical assistance to low individuals or married couples with no dependent children, who are waiting for SSI benefits to be approved.

Listed below are some of the eligibility criteria for the GA program. Please review the following criteria to determine if you qualify for this program.

- Single adults or married couples between the ages of 18 and 64, without dependent children, who have a disability that meets the SSA impairment listings.
- Over the age of 55 and have a severe impairment that limits your ability to return to past work or to do other work.
- Single disabled adults who have an income of no more than \$314.00 per month or married disabled couples who have an income of no more than \$628.00 per month.
- Do not have a Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) claim pending with SSA.

If you feel you meet the GA eligibility criteria listed above please contact your local Area Agency on Aging or Senior and People with Disabilities office for additional information.