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Can a qualified alien who is subject to the five year bar be authorized for General Assistance (GA) with a program status code (PSC) 50 if they have applied for SSI or been certified as disabled by the Medical Review Team?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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No, PSC 50 is a code which identifies individuals who are receiving interim assistance pending a determination of SSI eligibility and which allows the State to receive Federal Financial Participation (FFP). A qualified alien who is subject to the five year bar is barred from Federally-funded benefits for five years from his or her date of entry with a qualified alien status. Although the cash benefit for a D 50 recipient is State-funded, the Medical Assistance (MA) coverage is Federally-funded (Healthcare Benefit Package 2).

Therefore, a qualified alien who is subject to the five year bar and determined eligible for GA should be coded as a D 00.

Note that qualified aliens meeting the criteria above **are** eligible for SNAP benefits as they meet the definition of disabled. (See SNAPHB [510.21](#) and [522.11](#))