

**Policy Clarifications –
Cash Assistance – General Assistance
PCG – 19132-104**

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Rejecting GA application due to exceeding time limits for D&A and DV

Question: We have a GA application that is ready to be rejected. The client has exhausted their entitlement to 9 months of D&A. The option to reject for exceeding their 9 months of D&A is not currently built into the system. Should we be rejecting these clients to 069 option 4 or can you provide the information that I can put into a manual notice? Would we do the same for Domestic violence?

Response By: Policy Clarification Unit

Date: 10/17/18

When rejecting a GA application due to exceeding time limits, please include the following language in your manual notice for **Drug and Alcohol**:

- “You are not eligible for General Assistance (GA) Cash benefits based on participation in an approved drug and/or alcohol treatment program. GA Cash benefits based on this category are limited to nine months in your lifetime. You have already used your nine-month lifetime limit.”
55 Pa. Code § 141.61(c)(1)(v)

When rejecting a GA application due to exceeding time limits, please include the following language in your manual notice for **Domestic Violence**:

- “You are not eligible for General Assistance (GA) Cash benefits based on your situation. GA Cash benefits based on this category are limited to nine months in your lifetime. You have already used your nine-month lifetime limit.”
55 Pa. Code § 141.61 (c)(1)(vii)