

You may qualify for recovery supports assistance!

- *Do you receive State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) medical benefits?*
- *Are you not receiving income?*
- *Are you currently receiving substance abuse or mental health treatment?*
- *Do you need temporary help meeting recovery needs such as food, clothing, transportation, utilities or housing?*

If you answered “yes” to all of these questions, you may be eligible for assistance through the General Assistance Recovery Supports Program.

What can I do if my GA RSP application is denied?

If your application is denied, you can request a reconsideration of the decision with the help of your treatment provider or anyone else you choose. If you would like your application to be re-examined, your written request for reconsideration must be received at DMHAS Health Care Systems within 14 calendar days of the denial. Contact your provider to get a Reconsideration Form. Mail or fax your request to:

Department of Mental Health
and Addiction Services
Health Care Systems
410 Capitol Ave.
P.O. Box 341431
Hartford, CT 06134
Fax: 860-418-6730

Your request will be reviewed and a final determination will be communicated to you and your treatment provider.

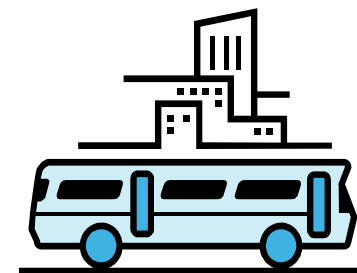
For more information please contact:

Advanced Behavioral Health
GA Recovery Supports Program (GA RSP)
P.O. Box 735
Middletown, CT 06457

Phone 1-800-658-4472
Fax 1-866-249-8766

STATE OF CONNECTICUT **Department of Mental Health** **and Addiction Services**

GENERAL ASSISTANCE **RECOVERY SUPPORTS** **PROGRAM (GA RSP)**



You may qualify for help through GA RSP

What is the General Assistance Recovery Supports Program?

The General Assistance Recovery Supports Program (GA RSP) is a program administered by the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services designed to assist eligible participants with basic living needs. This program is for SAGA clients in mental health or addiction treatment who are temporarily unemployed and not receiving cash benefits. The General Assistance Recovery Supports Program will provide short-term help with supports needed to assist with your recovery process. *GA RSP is not an entitlement.* You must be actively engaged in treatment in order to receive recovery supports.

How long can I receive General Assistance Recovery Supports Program services?

GA RSP is designed to help when there are no other resources available to meet your particular recovery needs. Because recovery supports are temporary, individual requests must be made on a monthly basis. After the initial application, GA RSP participants are expected to take specific steps toward independent functioning. Evidence of such steps will be required upon subsequent applications in the form of job search, including vocational training and/or employment readiness services. Eligible applicants can receive GA RSP services up to 3 months in a 12 month period.



What does the General Assistance Recovery Supports Program offer?

Supports covered by GA RSP include:

- basic needs (food, clothing, and personal care items or services)
- transportation
- housing
- utilities

How do I access the General Assistance Recovery Supports Program?

Since GA RSP is designed to support your current course of treatment, your substance abuse or mental health treatment provider can assist you in accessing the GA RSP. When you need to request assistance, let your treatment provider know. He or she will complete an application with you. You will need to provide basic information about yourself and why you need assistance. The application contains a section where you can write a statement in your own words to support your request. The completed application is then forwarded to the GA RSP for processing.

How do I know if I am eligible?

You are eligible to request assistance under the GA RSP if you are:

- on State Administered General Assistance (SAGA); and
- not receiving cash assistance or any other income; and
- actively engaged in substance abuse or mental health treatment; and
- in need of recovery supports not met by existing or available resources.

How long does it take to process the GA RSP request?

Requests will usually receive a response within five working days.

All request determinations will be forwarded to the provider that helped you with the application.

