

General Assistance 6-MONTH TIME LIMIT



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Beginning **July 1, 2026**, a recipient in an employable status can only receive 6 months of cash aid from the General Assistance program within a 12-month period.

The 6-month time limit does NOT apply to:

- Recipients in an unemployable/disabled status

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT General Assistance 6-MONTH TIME LIMIT

Applicants/Recipients approved for General Assistance cash aid on or after July 1, 2026

Employable General Assistance recipients approved for General Assistance on or after July 1, 2026, will be granted up to 6-months of General Assistance cash aid in a 12-month period.

Recipients in an employable status receiving General Assistance cash aid prior to July 1, 2026

Employable General Assistance recipients approved and active prior to July 1, 2026, will be subject to 6-month time limits in a 12-month period after their upcoming renewal has been processed.

Recipients in an unemployable/disabled status receiving General Assistance cash aid are not subject to time limits

Unemployable/disabled General Assistance recipients will not be subject to time limits. These recipients will continue to be required to provide a medical certification form from the doctor declaring disability and if the disability is expected to last 6 months or longer, the recipient will be required to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

If you have questions, call us at 1-800-223-8383 or visit one of our regional offices. We are open Monday - Friday 8AM-5PM.



Scan QR code for a list of County of San Mateo Human Services Agency Regional office locations.

RULES FOR OTHER COUNTIES - Other counties have different time limit rules. If you received General Assistance Aid in another county - or if you plan to move to another county - you must contact that county to find out about its time limit requirements.