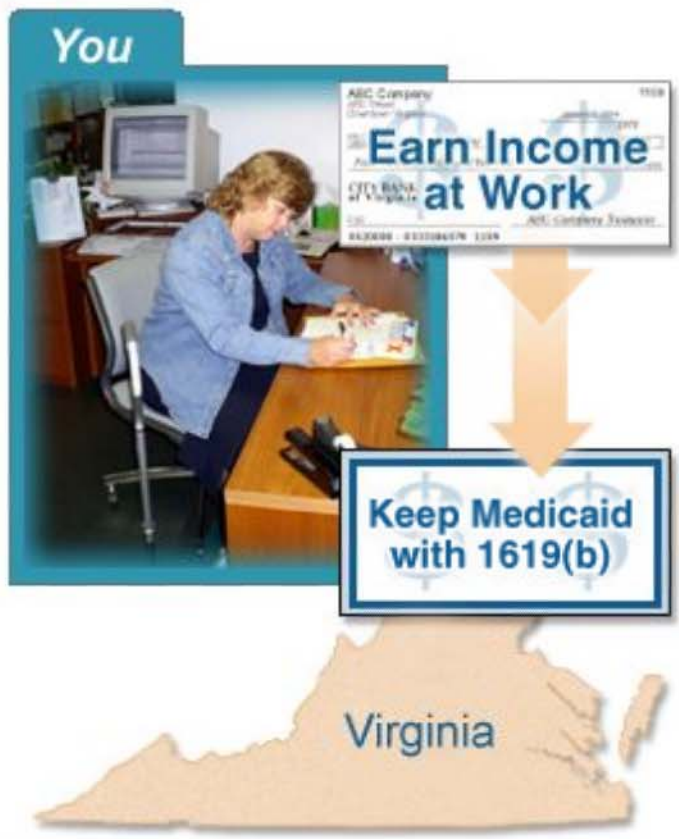


Earn Income and Keep Medicaid in Virginia with 1619(b)



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Thank you for participating in our consumer and family training session on 1619(b): Earn income and keep your Medicaid in Virginia with 1619(b). Through this training, you will learn that you can be employed or work more hours and still keep your Medicaid using this particular work incentive called 1619(b). Additional Resources and Help with navigation may be accessed throughout the presentation by clicking the appropriate buttons on the top, left-hand corner of your screen. To continue with this presentation, click the arrows on the top, right-hand corner of your screen. You may also navigate using the right and left arrow keys on your keyboard.

1619(b) Training

You Will Learn:

1. How you can be employed and work more hours.
2. How to keep your Medicaid using 1619(b).



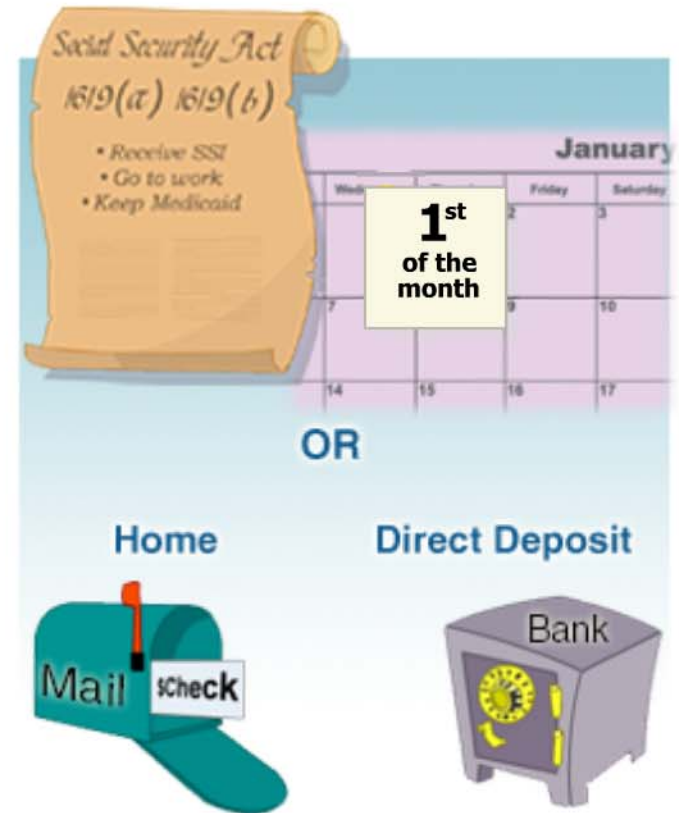
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We have prepared this presentation to explain this work incentive to you so that you will be familiar with what it is and how to use it. This presentation will walk you through the steps that will enable you to utilize 1619(b) without encountering too many roadblocks that might occur in between without some of this information. Our intention is to inform you so that you are better prepared to utilize this particular work incentive, so that you can be employed or work more hours and still keep Medicaid to pay for your health care needs.

1619(b): What is it? How to KEEP Medicaid and Earn Money.

Sections 1619(a) and 1619(b) of the Social Security Act let people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and go to work keep their Medicaid coverage even when they are not getting an SSI check.

This is the money that comes on the 1st of each month in the mail or to your bank account.



1619(b) - well, what is it? Section 1619(a) and 1619(b) are within the Social Security Act. It lets people who receive Supplemental Security Income, which is called SSI, go to work and keep their Medicaid coverage even when they have earned enough income so that their SSI check is reduced to zero. This is the money that comes on the first day of the month and it's either going to come to your home or it's going to be direct deposited into your bank account, depending on how you've chosen to set that up with the Social Security Administration.

Keep Medicaid In Your Future Using 1619(b)

1. Did you know you could keep your Medicaid while you work even if you are not receiving a check from SSI because you are earning wages?
2. Have you lost your Medicaid because of money you earn from a job?



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Keep Medicaid in your future by using 1619(b). Did you know that you could keep your Medicaid while you work even if you're not receiving a check from SSI because you are earning wages? The answer is YES. You can keep your eligibility for Medicaid, even when you are no longer receiving a cash benefit, when you start 1619(b). Have you lost your Medicaid because of money you earned from a job? Are you close to earning enough income to lose your SSI cash payment? If the answer is yes to either of these questions, before this presentation is over, you will understand how to keep your Medicaid or how to get it back.

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When Do You get 1619(b)?

When your SSI Payment goes to \$0.00 because of money you have earned and you still need Medicaid (health insurance coverage).

NOW

You may be eligible to keep Medicaid using 1619(b).



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When do you get 1619(b)? When your SSI payment goes to zero because of money you have earned and you still need Medicaid, which is the health insurance coverage provided through the Commonwealth of Virginia. Now, you may be eligible to keep Medicaid using 1619(b), however, there are some specific Virginia Medicaid rules for 1619(b) that would apply.

Virginia Medicaid Rules for 1619(b)

After the Social Security Administration (SSA) decides you can have 1619(b) and you have the letter from SSA, take it to your local Department of Social Services. They will ask you some questions and determine if:

1. You have been on Medicaid the month before you needed 1619(b).

Learn more about non-income resource requirements at:

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/me_famis/manual.cgi



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After the Social Security Administration decides you can have 1619(b) and you have a letter from SSA telling you that you are approved for 1619(b), you will then take that letter from SSA to your local Department of Social Services and they will ask you some questions. The Department of Social Services will need to decide whether you are still eligible for Medicaid in the Commonwealth of Virginia. First, they will look to see if you have been on Medicaid in the month before you need to use 1619(b). So if you were not enrolled in Medicaid prior to earning enough income that makes your SSI cash benefit go to zero, you may not be able to use 1619(b) to keep your Medicaid.

Virginia Medicaid Rules for 1619(b) (continued)

2. Your non-income resources are not higher than allowed for eligibility in Virginia Medicaid

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The next thing they will look at is your non-income resources to make sure they are not higher than what is allowed for Medicaid eligibility in the Commonwealth of Virginia. What's important to remember is that Virginia has different resource eligibility rules than what is allowed by SSI. For example, in Virginia, the value of your home and the lot it sits on is allowed, but if this piece of property is larger than the community requires then this additional property is counted as a resource. On the other hand, SSI excludes all of the property that the home sits on. It's important for you to know that, in Virginia, there are both State rules for eligibility for Medicaid and there are Federal rules for SSI eligibility and you must meet both State and Federal requirements in order to keep Medicaid. We've included a web link right on this page so that you can learn more about non-income resource requirements directly from the State's Medicaid eligibility manual.