

Work Incentives for People with Disabilities in Utah

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ABILITY Opening Doors to Work	What is it?	What do they get?	Who is eligible?	What about referrals?	Points to consider
MWI Medicaid Work Incentive	Medicaid benefits for people who work.	Medicaid benefits with a more generous asset test (\$15,000) than other Medicaid programs.	People who have a disability as determined by SSA or the Medicaid Disability Office; have earned income (no minimum hours of work required); total countable income cannot exceed 250% of poverty.	Applicant can apply at a Department of Workforce Services office in person, by telephone, or by mail. Contact John Nicolaisen at 1-801-538-9349 for more information.	The premium is 5%, 10% or 15% of the countable income of the consumer only. Eligibility varies for people on Medicaid waivers. Refer to each waiver.
WIPA / BPAO Utah Benefits Planning Assistance and Outreach	Information on how employment may affect benefits.	Counseling about how work will affect a person's Social Security disability and other public benefits.	SSI or SSDI recipients who want to work.	Referral form online: www.workabilityutah.org For further information, call 1-801-887-9530 or toll free at 1-877-246-9675	Refer persons who are considering going to work or increasing their hours of work.
E-PAS Employment Personal Assistance Services	Personal assistance to help people with disabilities work.	Assistance or cueing with personal care, such as: bathing, meal prep, shopping, transportation; at home or at work.	Persons with disabilities who are eligible for Medicaid and work at least 40 hours per month in gainful employment.	Contact Mandee Buckley at: 1-801-538-6165 or toll free at 1-877-246-9675	Persons who receive personal care through a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver may not receive E-PAS in addition. E-PAS may be appropriate for persons with mental illness or TBI.
Social Security Work Incentives	Employment incentives for people with disabilities.	People may continue receiving benefits while testing their ability to work.	Persons receiving disability benefits under SSI and SSDI who work.	For questions about work incentives contact Esther Medina at: 1-801-524-4145 ext 3883 www.socialsecurity.gov/work	Examples of work incentives: Trial Work Period, Extended Period of Eligibility, Impairment Related Work Expenses, Expedited Reinstatement, Plan to Achieve Self Support and 1619b.
The Ticket Ticket to Work	An invitation for Social Security disability beneficiaries to consider working.	Employment services from an Employment Network to assist a person to work and eventually go off benefits.	SSI and SSDI recipients between the ages 18-64 who are in pay status.	For questions about the "Ticket" contact Faye Edebiri at 1-801-538-7590 or toll free at 1-800-473-7530. www.yourtickettowork.com	The Ticket program is completely voluntary. Social Security will not do medical reviews of disability while the person is using the Ticket.
PABSS Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security	Free assistance from a lawyer or advocate regarding legal issues in returning to work.	Information, referral, & advocacy about employment and benefits issues.	Social Security beneficiaries who want to return to work or start working for the first time.	Contact the Disability Law Center at toll free at 1-800-662-9080. www.disabilitylawcenter.org	Provides assistance with Social Security overpayment issues. Provides assistance with employment-related ADA issues.

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