

SOCIAL SECURITY

Ticket To Work



Reasons to Work

- More income
- Independence
- Learn New Skills
- Meet New People



Your Questions

- Will I lose my benefits?
 - Cash payments
 - Health care
- How do I get the skills and experience I need?
- What if I have to stop working?



How Social Security can help

- Work Incentives
- Ticket to Work



Work Incentive Advantages

- Provide the safety net so you can:
 - Try different jobs
 - Be trained
 - Build skills
 - Gain confidence
 - Start a new career



Disability Benefit Programs

- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Both SSDI and SSI = Concurrent benefits



SSDI Work Incentives



What happens if I go to work?

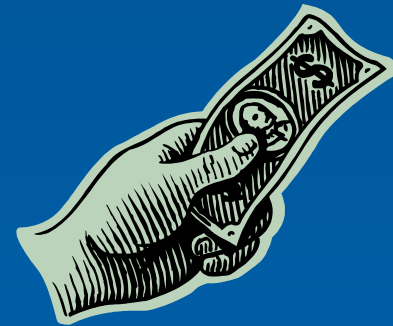


A 9-month Trial Work Period allows you to work and receive benefits.



What happens if I stop work after I complete my Trial Work Period?

- Automatic reinstatement for the first 3 years
- Additional 5 years of reinstatement if work stops and there is no medical improvement.





**Other work incentives can
reduce the amount of your
earnings that SSA counts**



What happens to Medicare if SSDI benefits stop?

- Continues for at least 93 months after the 9 month Trial Work Period
- After that you may be able to purchase Medicare coverage

MEDICARE  HEALTH INSURANCE	
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	
NAME OF BENEFICIARY	
JOHN D. DOE	
MEDICARE CLAIM NUMBER	SEX
123-45-6789A	MALE
IS ENTITLED TO	EFFECTIVE DATE
HOSPITAL INSURANCE (PART A)	1/1/95
MEDICAL INSURANCE (PART B)	1/1/95
SIGN HERE 	<i>John D. Doe</i>

SSI Work Incentives



How earnings affect SSI payments

- SSA counts less than half of your earned income
 - For example:
 - \$885 in wages
 - \$400 counts against SSI
- Certain impairment related work expenses can also be deducted from your gross wages.



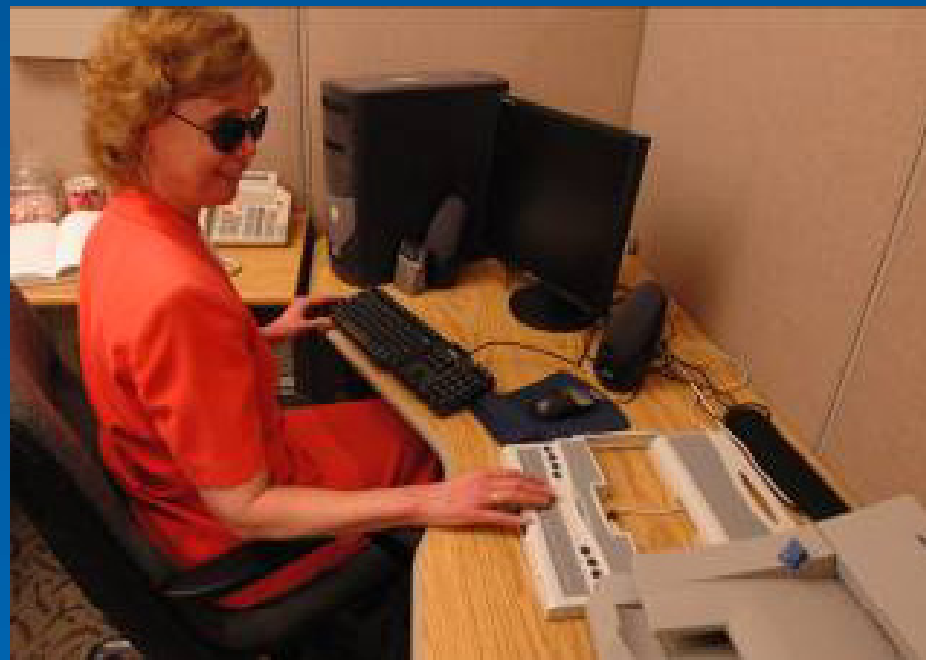
What happens if my earnings are so high that my SSI stops



- Benefits can start again if you stop working or your earnings decrease
- If your earnings are so high that your SSI payments stop:
 - Medicaid continues until you earn above a threshold
 - People with high medical costs can earn even more

You may be eligible to do a a Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS)

A PASS can help you reach your job goal



If you get both SSI & SSDI

- All of the work incentives apply to you
- Talk to a work incentives specialist!



What is a Ticket to Work?

A ticket you can use to get free employment services

Social Security Administration


Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency

SAM

Ticket Number
123-45-6789TW


Claim Account Number
987-65-4321 W

Issue Date:



This ticket is issued to you by the Social Security Administration under the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program. If you want help in returning to work or going to work for the first time, you may offer this ticket to an Employment Network of your choosing or take it to your State vocational rehabilitation agency for services. If you choose an Employment Network and it agrees to take your ticket, or if you choose your State agency and you qualify for services, these providers can offer you services to help you go to work.

An Employment Network provides the services at no cost to you. The Social Security Administration will pay the Employment Network if you assign your ticket to it, and the Employment Network helps you go to work and complies with other requirements of the Program. An Employment Network serving under the Program has agreed to abide by the rules and regulations of the Program under the terms of its agreement with the Social Security Administration for providing services under the Program. Your State agency can tell you about its rules for getting services.


Commissioner of Social Security



New Rules for Ticket

All SSI and Title II disability beneficiaries in cash payment status are eligible to receive a Ticket, **except:**

- Beneficiaries who are under age 18 or who are full retirement age or older;
- Childhood SSI beneficiaries who have attained age 18, but who have not had a redetermination under the adult disability standard.



Other NOT eligible for Ticket

- Persons receiving payments under Section 301;
- Persons receiving payments while appealing termination based on medical improvement;
- Persons receiving provisional payments while waiting for an EXR determination; and
- Persons getting presumptive disability payments.



Definition of using a Ticket

- Using a Ticket means that a beneficiary has assigned a Ticket to an EN or state VR agency acting as an EN, or has a Ticket in VR cost reimbursement status, AND
- the beneficiary is making timely progress toward self-supporting employment



When is a Ticket “in use”

- A Ticket is considered to be in use on the day the Ticket is assigned to an EN or the state VR agency acting as an EN



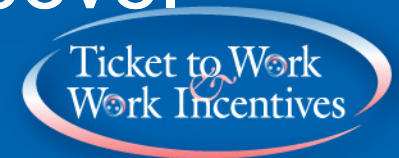
Progress checks

- Progress review periods are all 12 months in duration with incremental increases in work or educational requirements for each period
- Maximus will review progress at the end of each 12 month certification period to see if the applicable requirements were met and Ticket continues to be in use.



Progress for 1st year looks like...

- Obtained a HS diploma or GED certificate.
- Enrolled in 2 or 4-year degree or certification program and have completed 60% of full time course load for 1 year.
- Enrolled in vocational/technical program and have completed 60% of full time course load for 1 year.
- Worked at least 3 out of 12 months with gross earnings at TWP level or above.



Who will take my Ticket?

- Employment Networks:
 - Private companies
 - Public organizations
 - State Vocational Rehabilitation agency
 - Employment agencies, schools, etc.
- Under contract with Social Security



Ticket and Work Incentives

- SSA treats the earnings of a Ticket user in the exact same fashion as a non-user. There are NO special work incentives afforded to Ticket users, nor restrictions on using available work incentives
- Using a Ticket does provide the beneficiary protection against the initiation of Medical CDRs
- Work CDRs will continue and may result in termination of benefits



Why use your Ticket?

- No medical review while ticket is in use
- The program is voluntary
- You are in charge!
- You select the Employment Network
- Employment Network works for you
- Change your Employment Network if necessary



Examples of Services

- Skills testing
- Interest testing
- Resume preparation
- Interviewing skills training
- Job search & placement services
- Work Incentives counseling
- Job Coaching or other ongoing services



When you contact an Employment Network

- Discuss work goals & disability as it relates to reaching your work goal
- Ask about their success rate
- What will they do for you and what is expected of you?



Your Social Security employment team

- Employment Network (EN)
- Work Incentive Planning & Assistance (WIPA)
- Operations Support Manager (Maximus)
- State Protection and Advocacy
- Social Security employees



WIPA

- Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA) was established by the Social Security Administration (SSA) under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999
- Community Work Incentive Coordinators (CWIC's) provide SSA beneficiaries with accurate information about work incentives and benefits planning
- Hawaii Disability Rights Center provides WIPA services for all of Hawaii



Where to start?

#1

Learn more about work incentives – talk to a CWIC

#2

Connect with your employment team – State VR or EN

#3

Stay positive 😊

