



SOCIAL SECURITY

Working While Receiving Benefits

Our Programs

- **Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)**
 - provides benefits to individuals with disabilities who are “insured” by workers’ contributions to the Social Security trust fund
- **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**
 - provides cash assistance payments to the aged, blind and disabled with limited income and assets

The Purpose of Work Incentives a.k.a. Employment Supports

★ To test one's ability to work by protecting entitlement to monthly cash benefits, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Work incentives allow the beneficiary to remain in control of their finances and health care during their transition to work and financial independence.

SSDI and SSI Work Incentives

1. Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE)
2. Subsidy and Special Conditions
3. Unincurred Business Expenses
4. Unsuccessful Work Attempts (UWA)
5. Continued payment while participating in Vocational Rehabilitation or similar program (Section 301)
6. Expedited Reinstatement (EXR)
7. Ticket to Work (TTW) Program

SSDI Work Incentives

1. Trial Work Period (TWP)
2. Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE)
3. Continuation of Medicare Coverage
4. Medicare for People with Disabilities who work
5. Protection from Medical Continuing Disability Reviews

SSI Work Incentives

1. Blind Work Expenses (BWE)
2. Earned Income Exclusion
3. Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)
4. Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS)
5. Property Essential for Self-Support (PESS)
6. Special SSI Payments for People Who Work
7. Continued Medicaid Eligibility
8. Special Benefits for People Eligible Under Section 1619(a) or (b) Who Enter a Medical Treatment Facility
9. Reinstating Eligibility without a New Application

Continued payment while participating in Vocational Rehabilitation of Similar Program (Section 301)

- **How does an individual qualify for continued payment under Section 301?**
- **What is required to qualify for continued payments under Section 301?**
- **What is an appropriate program of the VR pr similar services?**
- **How long may benefits continue?**

Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)

- What is SEIE?
- Who does SEIE applies to?
- What is the definition of “*regularly attending school*”?
- Does home school qualify?
- How do we apply the income exclusion?

Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS) Program

- **What is a PASS?**
- **What kinds of expenses can a PASS include?**
- **How does a PASS work?**
- **Who can benefit from a PASS?**
- **What are the requirements for a PASS?**
- **Who prepares the PASS?**
- **How should a PASS be submitted to Social Security?**

Continuance of SSI Status for Medicaid a.k.a. 1619 (b)

Medicaid coverage can continue even if the beneficiary's earnings along with other income become too high for a SSI cash payment.

- How does it help the beneficiary?
- How do the beneficiary qualify?
- Do all states use the same Medicaid eligibility rules?

For More Information . . .

See SSA's electronic publications that may be of particular interest to persons with disabilities who want to work:

Working While Disabled – How We Can Help
Red Book on Employment Supports

or

Contact SSA via internet access, telephone, local office, or mail.