

Partnership Plus

Under the Partnership Plus service model, the Social Security Administration (Social Security) can compensate both a State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency and an Employment Network (EN) that serve the same beneficiary under the same Ticket if:

1. The State VR agency has served the beneficiary under the traditional Cost Reimbursement (CR) program (available to State VR agencies only).
2. VR and EN services are provided sequentially, not concurrently.

Partnership Plus:

- Helps beneficiaries secure job retention and ongoing services after the State VR agency closes the case.
- Provides a financial incentive for organizations to partner to meet beneficiary needs.
- Does not interfere with existing vendor relationships where State VR agencies purchase services from a service provider under a vendor agreement while the beneficiary's State VR agency case is open.

What you can do to take advantage of Partnership Plus

To take advantage of Partnership Plus, contact your State VR agency (or agencies in states with a separate State VR agency for people who are blind or visually impaired) and discuss the following:

1. Explain that Social Security has approved you to function as an EN under the Ticket to Work program.
2. Describe the services and supports your organization will provide as an EN.
3. Explore how you can work together to help beneficiaries with disabilities maintain and advance in employment after the State VR agency closes their cases.

Benefits of Partnership Plus

Partnership Plus maximizes financial compensation from Social Security through Cost Reimbursement payments to State VR agencies and Phase 2 Milestone and Outcome payments to ENs. Partnership Plus also assists beneficiaries with disabilities to:

- Enter, maintain and advance in competitive employment
- Secure ongoing support services to achieve long-term employment goals
- Maintain protection from medical Continuing Disability Reviews (CDR) after VR case closure

Learn more about [EN Partnership Plus](#) and [VR Partnership Plus](#) on the Ticket to Work for Service Providers website.