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Social Security

Ticket to Work Fact Sheet

The Goal of the Social Security Administration (SSA) Ticket to Work Program (TTW) is to encourage individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) cash benefits based on disability to become employed at a substantial level and decrease dependency on disability benefit.

- Ticket to Work is a free and voluntary program available to:
 - All SSI and SSDI disability beneficiaries, **except:**
 - Beneficiaries who are under the age of 18
 - Beneficiaries who are full retirement age
 - Childhood beneficiaries who have attained the age of 18 but who have not had a re-determination under the adult SSA disability standard
- Beneficiary can only assign or put the Ticket in –use with one Employment Network (EN) at a time. In signing your Individual Plan for Employment with ORS you are agreeing to put your ticket in-use with ORS.
- Beneficiaries may reassign their ticket at any time for any reason. If you are still engaged in ORS services, please review this decision with your Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC).
 - Complete the un-assignment form on the Choose Work website <https://choosework.ssa.gov>
 - A 90-day extension period is provided to secure another provider
- Beneficiaries may also reassign their Ticket during the 90-day period after their case is closed by Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) to a community EN for ongoing support services under the Partnership Plus program

What are the Benefits of Using a Ticket?

- Choice of a service provider/Employment Network such as ORS
- While participating in the TTW, beneficiaries can get the help they need to safely explore work options without immediately losing their benefits and/or medical coverage (Medicare and/or Medicaid)
- Beneficiaries can use a combination of SSA work incentives to maximize their income until they begin to earn enough for self-sufficiency (Benefits Specialists available)

- Go to work without automatically losing disability benefits
- Return to benefits if you have stopped working
- Continue to receive health benefits
- Be protected from receiving a medical continuing disability review (CDR) while using the ticket so long as you are making what SSA calls timely progress with work or educational goals as defined by SSA not by your IPE with ORS. (Learn more about timely progress reviews: <https://choosework.ssa.gov>)
- or until 90 days after ORS services have ended
- Opportunity to support services to other customers of ORS. If ORS services contributed to your successful employment outcome, ORS may be reimbursed for the cost of those services from the SSA, which in turn supports funding for services to other customers of ORS.

Resources:

- The information contained in this Information Sheet is not intended to be all inclusive of what the Social Security Ticket to Work Program offers. Additional information can be found at <https://choosework.ssa.gov> or 1-866-968-7842 (Voice) or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY) weekdays 8AM to 8PM
- Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA): Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities? <http://www.ric.edu/sherlockcenter/wi.html>
- Benefits Counseling: A service you and your VRC may agree on too assist you with learning about work incentives and analyze how working will affect your SSI and/or SSDI
- Disability Rights Rhode Island, www.drri.org is a resource if you are having a concern with an Employment Network, (401) 831-3150 Voice or 1-800-733-5332 Toll-Free Voice