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California's protection and advocacy system

The Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program - "The Ticket"

What is the TICKET TO WORK (TTW) Program ?

The Ticket to Work (TTW) program is the cornerstone of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act of 1999. The goal of the TTW program is to expand the universe of service providers available to individuals entitled to SSI and SSDI in obtaining the services necessary to find, enter and maintain employment.

The legislation also removes barriers that previously influenced people's choices between healthcare coverage and work.

Who is Eligible to receive a "Ticket" ?

You will be eligible to receive a "ticket" in a month in which you are:

- (1) Age 18 or older and have not reached age 65
- (2) An SSI or SSDI beneficiary or concurrently eligible (receive both SSI and SSDI)
- (3) In current pay status for monthly SSDI cash payments
- (4) Receiving monthly Federal SSI cash benefits
- (5) Not entitled to receive more than one ticket while you are entitled to SSI or SSDI benefits
- (6) Terminated from receiving SSDI or SSI and you are reinstated

How Does the TTW Program Work ?

SSA has contracted with national, state and local service providers, known as Employment Networks (EN), that work with beneficiaries to provide support and employment-related assistance. Tickets can be used to obtain rehabilitation or employment services from any EN the beneficiary chooses.

The beneficiary and the EN design and agree upon an employment plan outlining the services to be provided to assist the beneficiary in obtaining employment. The ticket is then considered “assigned” to the EN. When services are being provided and the beneficiary is working toward his/her work goal, the ticket is “in use.”

Other Facts about the TTW Program...

- The ticket program is **voluntary!!!**
- Beneficiaries receiving tickets are not required to participate in the program or go to work.
- The ticket program is for those who want to reduce their dependence on their SSDI or SSI cash benefits.
- No continuing disability review (CDR) because of work while ticket is in use.
- Creates new employment and support systems (EN, PABSS, WIPA)
- Rewards work outcomes.

To learn more about the ticket to work program or ask further questions, you can call **Maximus** toll free at:

Voice

1-866-yourticket
1-866-968-7842

TDD LINE

1-866-tdd2work
1-866-833-2967

you can also contact the PABSS advocate at Disability Rights California in your area:

Sacramento	916-488-9950	1-800-719-5798 tty
Bay Area	510-267-1200	1-800-649-0154 tty
Los Angeles	213-427-8747	1-800-781-4546 tty
San Diego	619-239-7861	1-800-576-9269 tty
Disability Rights California		1-800-776-5746
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