

Collecting SSI or SSDI and ready to go back to work?



Helping beneficiaries take the next step toward work



Your CareerCenter can help you use the
Ticket to Work

About Ticket to Work

The Social Security Administration understands that choosing to work may be a big decision for disability beneficiaries. The Ticket to Work Program provides a safety net for people who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits as they explore work that is right for them. Beneficiaries work with employment service providers, known as Employment Networks (ENs), to achieve individual work goals.

If you are eligible and want to get started, the Maine CareerCenter system is now an EN with staff people ready to work with you.

Who should use their Ticket?

Adults ages 18 through 64 who receive SSI and/or SSDI and are ready to explore training, education and/or work with the intent of reducing reliance on SSI/SSDI benefits should ask about the Ticket to Work Program.

How the program works

The Ticket to Work program is voluntary. You get assistance, job referrals and other services you need to work at no charge. You can assign your “Ticket” to an approved Employment Network of your choice. You and the provider work together to make a work plan. The plan states exactly what services the provider will furnish.

While you are using your Ticket to obtain employment and you are making progress toward your work goal, Social Security will not conduct any Continuing Disability Reviews on your case.

Will I lose my cash benefits? Will I lose my insurance?

The Ticket Program includes a number of safety nets designed to encourage and support beneficiaries as they explore training, education and/or work with the intent of reducing or eliminating reliance on SSI/SSDI benefits. This path can lead to eventual self-sufficiency as the beneficiary makes gradual progress towards financial stability and independence.

Rules differ for SSI and SSDI. It is important to get answers to your questions from a trained specialist. SSA benefits counseling is available to help you learn about work incentives that were developed to address your concerns. Ask about a referral to BES’s Community Work Incentive Counselor (CWIC) for an overview of the effects of work on your benefits.

The Maine Department of Labor’s CareerCenter system is an approved Employment Network. All of Maine’s CareerCenters are accepting tickets.

**To assign your ticket or get more information,
Contact your local CareerCenter.**

You can find your nearest CareerCenter at:

www.mainecareercenter.gov

or email ticttowork.maine@maine.gov,

phone: 1-888-457-8883. TTY users call Maine Relay 711.