

Explore Your Options for Returning to Work

Earn More Income than Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Benefits Can Provide

Once you've been approved for and are receiving SSDI benefits, Social Security's Ticket to Work program offers a variety of incentives that allow you to try to re-enter the workforce without jeopardizing your SSDI disability payments and Medicare coverage. These incentives include:

Trial Work Period (TWP)

The trial work period allows you to test your ability to work for at least nine months within a 60-month period. During your TWP, you receive your full SSDI benefits and Medicare (regardless of how much you are earning), as long as you report your work activity and you continue to have a disabling impairment. Currently, a trial work month is any month in which your total earnings are over \$1,210.

Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE)

After your TWP ends, you have 36 months during which you can still receive benefits for any month your earnings are below \$1,690 per month (\$2,830 if blind). You don't need to file a new SSDI application during this period.

Continuing Medicare Coverage

You may continue your Medicare coverage for 93 consecutive months (7+ years) after your TWP ends. You still receive coverage during this time even if your SSDI payments end because your earning level went above the SSA limit.

Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits

If you become unable to work due to your disability within 5 years after your benefits terminate, you can request to have your SSDI benefits restarted immediately. You won't have to file a new application or wait for benefits to begin while the SSA reviews your medical condition to make sure you still meet the SSDI requirements.

Continuing Disability Review (CDR) Protection

Social Security periodically reviews disability claims depending on age and medical condition to see if you still qualify as disabled. In many cases your CDR will be suspended, provided you're meeting the Ticket to Work program's work progress review criteria.

Work Expenses Related to Your Disability

If you work, you may be able to deduct some work-related expenses from your monthly earnings when your benefit amount is determined. For example, because of your medical condition, you may need to take a taxi to work instead of public transportation.



Allsup Employment Services helps you gain a better understanding of how to access all the incentives available to you through the Ticket to Work program, which can improve your financial future. With our guidance, you're better able to find or maintain employment and begin the journey toward earning more income than your disability benefits.

If you're ready to get back into the workforce, Allsup Employment Services can help. Contact us at info@AllsupES.com or (866) 540-5105 to get started.

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About Allsup Employment Services

Allsup Employment Services, LLC is a Social Security Administration-authorized Employment Network, providing free services to beneficiaries through the Ticket to Work program. Allsup Employment Services professionals deliver resources and services nationwide to help Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) recipients take full advantage of the incentives and support that are available to them when they return to work, including protecting their SSDI benefits and cessation of Continuing Disability Reviews.



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