

Ticket to Work

Fact Sheet 2021

What is Social Security's Ticket to Work (Ticket) program?

It is a voluntary program available to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries ages 18 through 64. This program promotes financial independence and self-sufficiency by offering individuals with disabilities more choices when seeking services and supports to gain and maintain employment.

How can the Ticket help me?

To participate in this program, you must first assign your Ticket to an approved agency in order to obtain free employment support services. Services include, but are not limited to: education, vocational training, benefits counseling, career counseling, job readiness, job placement, and ongoing support services. You will also be protected from a Continuing Disability Review (CDR), while making timely progress with your work or educational goals.

Where can I assign my 'Ticket'?

You can assign your Ticket to any Social Security approved Employment Network (EN) or State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency of your choice. In Massachusetts, the two state VR agencies are the MA Rehabilitation Commission and the MA Commission for the Blind. You can locate an Employment network at:

www.choosework.net

How does the Ticket work?

While participating in the program, you must meet specific work goals and deadlines:

- The first 24 months your Ticket is assigned, there is no work requirement. You are expected to comply with your Individual Work Plan (IWP) or Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).
- During months 25-36, you must have gross monthly earnings at or above Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) for 3 of the 12 months.
- Months 37-48, you must have gross monthly earnings over SGA for 6 of the 12 months.
Note: During the first 48 months, you can apply available work incentives.
- Months 49 to 60, you must have gross monthly earnings that render you independent of SSI and/or SSDI benefits.

Will my participation in the Ticket program impact my public cash benefits or healthcare?

No. However, earned wages will impact everything.

For more information on the Ticket to Work program, visit:

<https://www.ssa.gov/work/overview.html>

A Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) can help you understand the Ticket to Work program.

For more information about **Work Without Limits Benefits Counseling** contact

1-877-YES-WORK (1-877-937-9675) or visit <http://www.workwithoutlimits.org/benefits-counseling/>