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Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)

Link: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/findhelp/>

Serves Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries with disabilities who want to work by helping to remove barriers to employment. Services offered by the PABSS include but are not limited to:

- ✦ Securing services from community agencies, including Employment Networks providing services under the Ticket to Work program;
- ✦ Helping people who are entitled to benefits understand Work Incentives and issues with their disability benefits;
- ✦ Protecting beneficiaries' rights regarding conditions of employment;
- ✦ Helping beneficiaries understand and protect their employment rights, responsibilities and reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and other applicable laws;
- ✦ Protecting rights to transportation;
- ✦ Protecting access to housing assistance; and
- ✦ Obtaining vocational rehabilitation and employment related services and supports

Social Security Administration – Ticket to Work

Link: [Ticket to Work](#) | [Social Security](#)

Ticket to Work connects you with free employment services to help you decide if working is right for you, prepare for work, find a job or maintain success while you are working. If you choose to participate, you will receive services such as career counseling, vocational rehabilitation, and job placement and training from authorized Ticket to Work service providers, such as Employment Networks (EN) or your state Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency. The service provider you choose will serve as an important part of your “employment team” that will help you on your journey to financial independence.

- ✦ Features work incentives for eligible patients to work and still receive medical benefits. Work incentives all assist individuals to transition back into the workforce and financial independence. ***The Red Book – A Guide to Work Incentives*** reviews programs available. Resource is available in English and Spanish. Link to The Red Book: [Social Security Online - The Red Book - A Guide to Work Incentives](#). Below are some of the examples you will find in the Red Book related to work incentives.
 - **Trial Work Period (TWP) (SSDI recipients only)** - The TWP allows you to test your ability to work for at least nine months. During your TWP, you will receive full SSDI benefits no matter how much you earn as long as your work activity is reported and you have a disabling impairment.
 - **Expedited Reinstatement (EXR) (SSDI and SSI recipients)** - If your benefits stopped because of your earnings level, and you are no longer able to work because of your medical condition or one related to it, you can request to have your benefits reinstated without having to complete a new application. While Social Security determines your benefits reinstatement, you are eligible to receive temporary benefits for up to six months.



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- **Protection from Medical Continuing Disability Reviews (CDR) (SSDI and SSI recipients)** - If you assign your Ticket to an approved service provider before you receive notice of a medical Continuing Disability Review (CDR), you will not have to undergo the medical review while you are participating in the Ticket to Work program and making progress within Social Security's timeframes.
- ✚ Breakdown of types of service providers and services - [Meet Your Employment Team](#)
- ✚ Path to Work - learn more at every part of your journey. Select the phase that best describes where you are on your journey at the top and then use the blue buttons to navigate to each article. Link: [Your Path to Work](#)

Work Incentives Planning and Assistance

Link: <https://choosework.ssa.gov>

The goal of the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) program is to enable beneficiaries with disabilities to receive accurate information, and use that information to make a successful transition to work. Each WIPA project has Community Work Incentives Coordinators (CWIC) who will:

- ✚ Provide in-depth counseling about benefits and the effect of work on those benefits;
- ✚ Conduct outreach efforts to beneficiaries of SSI and SSDI (and their families) who are potentially eligible to participate in federal or state Work Incentives programs; and
- ✚ Work in cooperation with federal, state and private agencies and nonprofit organizations that serve SSI and SSDI beneficiaries with disabilities.