

## Ticket to Work Video Visual Description

In this video, slides with text are alternated with video of the Narrator, Michael Dalto, in close up talking to the camera. Michael is seated in front of a bookcase and there are planters with sunflowers on the bookcase shelf on either side of him. He has close-cropped white hair and is wearing a gray suit with a blue tie featuring a yellow sun. For efficiency, the description that follows will not specify when the video of Michael Dalto's close up replaces the slides with text.

SLIDE: Ticket to Work, Social Security Work Incentive Program. Michael Dalto, Consultant, Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Rehabilitation services.

NARRATOR: Hi. I'm Michael Dalto. I'm a consultant with the Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services.

SLIDE: Ticket to Work: Lets you hire DORS or other Employment Network agency to give you services to get and keep a job, at no cost to you. After your case with DORS has been closed, you can choose an Employment Network agency to provide additional services.

NARRATOR: The Ticket to Work enables you to hire an organization, without having to pay them, to give you help to get and keep employment. Your Ticket to Work can be assigned to either DORS – or, after your case with DORS has been closed, to another agency known as an Employment Network. And they're obligated to give you services to help you get or keep employment. To find an employment network to help you continue getting services after your case with DORS is closed, you can go to this website.

SLIDE: Ticket to Work: [www.chooseworkttw.net/findhelp](http://www.chooseworkttw.net/findhelp)

NARRATOR: Another benefit of the Ticket to Work, in addition to the employment services, is that, in some cases, it can protect you from medical reviews from Social Security. When you get Social Security Disability benefits, Social Security will periodically do a medical review to see if you have medically improved or medically recovered. If they find that you have medically recovered, then your benefits can stop. You're no longer eligible for them. The medical reviews usually happen once every one to seven years, depending on how likely it is Social Security thinks that your disability will improve.

SLIDE: Ticket to Work: If you assign your Ticket to Work to DORS or an Employment Network and you meet "timely progress" benchmarks, Social Security is not allowed to do a medical review of your disability.

NARRATOR: However, if your Ticket to Work is assigned to either DORS or an Employment Network, and if you are meeting certain criteria called timely progress, then Social Security is not allowed to do a medical review. And if they're not allowed to do a medical review, then they can't find you to have medically recovered, and your benefits would be protected. Timely progress usually involves certain levels of employment and/or education. When your ticket is assigned to DORS or an Employment Network, Social Security will periodically send you paperwork so that you can verify whether you're meeting the timely progress requirements. It's very important that you complete and return that paperwork. That can help protect you from medical reviews.

SLIDE: For more information, please contact your DORS Counselor.