

Work Incentives, Benefits Counseling, and Employment Services Under the Ticket to Work Program

Community Partner Work Incentives Coordinator (CPWIC) Role

- In-depth personalized benefits analysis covering all federal, state, and local benefits. Customized counseling about the effect of work on all federal, state, and local benefits and development of a comprehensive Benefits Summary & Analysis (BS&A) report
- Assistance with identifying, developing, utilizing, and managing work incentives
- Support in resolving problems related to benefits
- Assistance with identifying and resolving barriers to obtaining or maintaining employment
- Making referrals for needed services or supports with particular emphasis on meeting employment needs
- Training and support on effective reporting procedures and benefits management techniques

Overview of the Work Incentives/ Benefits and Employment Network (EN) Partnership/Ticket to Work Program

Benefits and Work Incentives Counseling is all about work!

The clear purpose of a Community Work Incentives and Benefits Counseling Partnership Coordinator is to provide the specific work incentives planning and assistance services that will directly assist Social Security disability beneficiaries to succeed in their return-to-work efforts. The relevant work incentives may include as follows:

- Trial work period
- Extended period of eligibility
- Use of impairment related work expenses
- Medicare eligibility, extension, and options
- Medicare savings programs

THE GOAL

The goal is to ensure that beneficiaries who desire to seek, secure, or maintain employment have access to accurate and complete information that will allow them to benefit from all the current work incentives available in the Social Security disability programs, as well as other federal, state, or local programs that may assist them in their employment efforts.

To truly be effective in supporting beneficiaries in their efforts to attain paid work, CPWICs must expand their counseling skills into areas not directly related to public benefits. These areas include helping beneficiaries identify and access the services and resources they need to:

- Identify, select, or clarify their career goals
- Achieve the desired career goal
- Understand Social Security's Ticket to Work program and other vocational services and supports available to beneficiaries with disabilities in the local service area
- Obtain and maintain paid employment
- Resolve problems related to work efforts, higher education, occupational skills training, accommodation, and work attainment or continuation of work.

To learn more about work incentive benefits and counseling services:

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