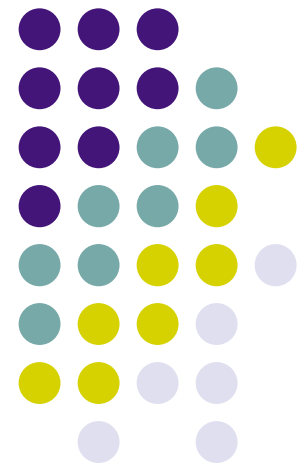


Ticket To Work

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Social Security Administration

Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency

Ticket Number
123-45-6789TW

Claim Account Number 987-65-4321 W

Issue Date:



This ticket is issued to you by the Social Security Administration under the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program. If you want help in returning to work or going to work for the first time, you may offer this ticket to an Employment Network of your choosing or take it to your State vocational rehabilitation agency for services. If you choose an Employment Network and it agrees to take your ticket, or if you choose your State agency and you qualify for services, these providers can offer you services to help you go to work.

An Employment Network provides the services at no cost to you. The Social Security Administration will pay the Employment Network if you assign your ticket to it, and the Employment Network helps you go to work and complies with other requirements of the Program. An Employment Network serving under the Program has agreed to abide by the rules and regulations of the Program under the terms of its agreement with the Social Security Administration for providing services under the Program. Your State agency can tell you about its rules for getting services.

James B. Bannister
Commissioner of Social Security

- A program funded by the SSA to help Social Security Beneficiaries (“Ticket Holders”) go back to work.
- The goal is to reduce cash benefits by providing an array of supports that Ticket Holders may need to be successful in their return to work efforts.

Benefits to Ticket Holders



- TTW enables Ticket Holders to work with an Employment Network (EN) of their **choice**.
- Continuing Disability Reviews (**CDRs**) are **suspended** as long a persons ticket is assigned and they are making “Timely Progress”.



Benefits to EN's

- Social Security provides **outcome based payments** to EN's once Ticket Holders are working meeting certain milestones.
- Provides funding for **extended supports**.
- SSA/Maximus **advertise** the services of the EN in the EN Directory on the Ticket to Work website.



Who are EN's?

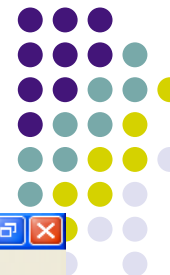
- Agencies that provide services to Ticket Holders which help them achieve their work goals;
- EN's must be approved by Social Security.
- Different EN's offer different services.
- EN's define the population they want to serve (e.g., all disabilities, psychiatric disabilities only).



How Does TTW Work?

- Ticket Holders (TH) are sent a Ticket and a list of Employment Networks (ENs);
- Ticket Holders locate an EN that provides services that meet their needs.
- The EN and TH complete an Individualized Work Plan and submit it to Maximus which assigns the Ticket.
- The EN provides agreed upon services.

EN Directory



Ticket to Work: Employment Network Directory - Mozilla Firefox

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http://www.yourtickettowork.com/endir?action=state&state=OR&Find=Find

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WORKABLE SOLUTIONS

Please Note: Do you receive both SSI and SSDI. Confused about how work impacts your Social Security and other benefits. Need funds to achieve your work goals. We can help identify sources of funding for school, vehicles, equipment, and other needed services and supports. Call us!

Address: 1524 Woodland Dr.
Ashland, OR 97520

Contact: Janet D Steveley
Phone: (541)488-6495
Toll Free: (877)410-7277
Main Phone: (541)488-6495
Web Site: www.workablesolutions.org

Languages
ASL (American Sign Language)
English

Case management
Job Placement/Employment Services (Job Search, Placement Assist)
Transportation assistance
Work incentives Counseling
Special Language Capacity
Other services

Blood and Lymphatic
Birth Defects/Growth Impairments
Blind/Visually Impaired
Cancer (non-lymphoma or leukemia)
Deaf and/or loss of voice
Endocrine System and Obesity
Digestive Disorders
Genito-Urinary
Heart
Disease/Cardiovascular
Immune System (incl. AIDs/HIV)
Developmental Disabilities
Musculoskeletal Injuries
Non-traumatic
Neurological Conditions
Psychiatric Disorders (incl. eating disorders)
Respiratory
Skin Conditions
Traumatic Brain Injury/Stroke
Other
Organ Transplant Candidates &

Done



How Do EN's Get Paid?

- When TH's hit certain milestones, EN's can submit Payment Requests to Maximus
 - Evidence of earnings (i.e., paystubs), or
 - Certification of earnings.
- Earnings are verified by Social Security
- Checks are deposited into the EN's bank account



Payment Systems

- Outcomes
 - Milestone-Outcome
- (see 2011 Payments at a Glance)





Phases

- Phase 1 – TH's need to earn over the Trial Work Level (\$720 in 2011);
- Phase 2 – TH's need to earn over Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA), but can continue to receive cash benefits;
- Outcome – TH's need to earn over SGA and zero out cash benefits.



SSDI vs. SSI Beneficiaries

	SSDI	SSI
Phase 1	4 payments of \$1,279 = \$5,116	4 payments of \$1,279 = \$5,116
Phase 2	Up to 11 payments of \$384 = \$4,224	Up to 18 payments of \$221 = \$3,978
Outcome	Up to 36 payments of \$384 = \$13,824	Up to 60 payments of \$221 = \$13,260.
Total Payments	\$23,164	\$22,354



Payments, cont.

All payments may not be available if:

- The TH has previously worked with VR and was closed “successful” or is currently in plan with VR (Phase 1 not available);
- The TH has been working and earning over \$720 in the six months prior to Ticket assignment (“18 month look back”);
- The Ticket was assigned to another EN previously and some payments had been made.



Partnership Plus

- VR agencies have the option to take Tickets or “Cash Reimbursement”.
- A Ticket is considered “in use” if a TH is in plan with VR;
- Partnership Plus allows VR and other EN’s to work together to provide a range of services to Ticket Holders.

Partnership Plus – Some Ways it Can Work



- VR provides initial intensive services;
- VR case is closed after person is working successfully for 90 days+.
- Ticket can then be re-assigned to another EN for long term support.
- EN could be contracted by VR to provide upfront services.

Think about what services people may need long term.....

Becoming an Employment Network



- Technical assistance available through Maximus's Technical Assistance and Support Center
- www.yourtickettowork.com Lots of information and resources.
- Ticket Tuesdays
- All EN Conference Calls
- National Employment Network Association (NENA)

Requirements to Become an Employment Network (EN)



- Liability Insurance
- Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- DUNS number
- OF-306 (federal contractor form)
- Form from bank (for direct deposit)
- 800# (only if advertising outside your area code)

Upcoming Changes To TTW



- **Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA)** will replace EN Contracts
- **Request for Quotations (RFQ)** will replace the former EN RFP, and will be published on www.fedbizopps.gov
- Technical Bulletin and conference calls/webinar to follow



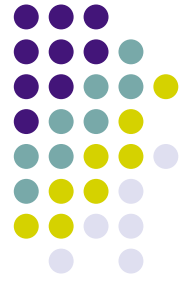
Highlights:

- EN Qualifications – 2 years experience; services include career counseling, job placement and ongoing support;
- Employer EN's: Must have full time permanent positions at or above SGA levels;
- Business Plans
- IWP changes – documented career counseling and goals reflecting SGA earnings;



Highlights, cont.

- VR Referrals – EN may not actively or passively refer TH to VR without a written agreement.
- EN Training – Requirements for start up and ongoing training of EN's
- EN Payments – Phase 1 milestone billing must include summary of services provided.



Highlights, cont.

- Ongoing Employment Support – minimally quarterly contact.
- EN Performance Evaluations – Annual report cards provided to prospective TH's



Opportunity Exists!

- 167,939 Tickets awarded in Minnesota
- 4,815 “in use” with VR
- 867 Tickets assigned to VR
- 689 Assigned to one of the other 28 Employment Networks

As of March 24, 2011

Resources



- Ticket to Work: www.yourtickettowork.com
- National Employment Network Association
<http://www.nenaticket.com> or 541-434-9029