

Ticket to Work: Myth vs Fact

- **Myth...** If I participate in the Ticket to Work program while trying to get a job, I'll lose my Medicaid or Medicare benefits.
- **Fact...** Social Security provides special "work incentives" to help people with disabilities become financially independent. These include keeping your cash benefits and medical coverage while you transition to the work place. And if you find that you cannot work, it is easy to start your payments again.



- **Myth...** If I am unhappy with an employment network, I will be forced to stay with the network once I give them my ticket.
- **Fact...** When you assign your ticket to a particular employment network, you cannot work with another one at the same time. However, if it's decided that you and the organization cannot work together, you can take back your ticket and reassign it to another employment network. In addition, if you are working with VR, you can use your ticket with another employment network once you have completed your services with us.

For More Information

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Vocational Rehabilitation



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The application process used by VR to determine eligibility for services, any subsequent services, and the entire VR process are subject to these non-discrimination requirements. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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Ticket to Work
Your Key to a Career



What is Vocational Rehabilitation?

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a federal-state program that helps people who have physical or mental disabilities get or keep a job. VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

Who May be Eligible for VR Services?

You may be eligible for VR services if your goal is to become employed and:

- Your physical or mental disability interferes with your ability to become employed, and
- You need VR's help to find or keep a job

If you receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for your disability, you are presumed eligible for VR services, if you plan to become employed.

What is Financial Participation?

VR will look at the income of eligible individuals to determine if they will be required to share the cost of VR services. Some individuals or services may be exempt, and you will not be required to pay for those services.

What is Order of Selection?

Under order of selection, all eligible individuals are placed on a prioritized waiting list based on the significance of their disability. Federal law requires that individuals with the most significant disabilities be served first.



Ticket to Work

Ticket to Work is a Social Security Administration (SSA) program available to Floridians who qualify for social security benefits and want to work. Tickets are issued by SSA and may be taken to any Employment Network (EN) participant, such as VR. These participants offer employment and rehabilitation services to help ticket holders find or keep a job. This program is voluntary.



How Do I Get My Ticket?

The Ticket to Work Program is available to most Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities who meet certain criteria. SSA notifies those who are eligible to participate in the Ticket Program by issuing them a Ticket. Those receiving a Ticket are referred to as Ticket-holders. More than 11 million Ticket-holders are eligible to participate in this nationwide program, and many are already working.

Keep Your Medicaid or Medicare

While you participate in the Ticket to Work Program, you will keep your cash benefits and medical coverage as you transition to the work place.

In addition, Social Security has other "work incentives" that serve as a bridge between disability benefits and financial independence. You may receive:

- Cash benefits while you work
- Medicaid or Medicare while you work
- Help with any extra work expenses resulting from your disability

Examples of VR Services

- Medical and Psychological Assessment
- Vocational Evaluation and Planning
- Career Counseling and Guidance
- Training and Education After High School
- Job-Site Assessment & Accommodations
- Job Placement
- Job Coaching
- On-the-Job Training
- Supported Employment
- Hearing Aids/Assistive Technology
- Time-Limited Medical and/or Psychological Treatment