



Ticket to Work

WHO WE ARE

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 used at 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.

GETTING YOUR 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. 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 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



WHAT IS VR?

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.

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.

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.

ELIGIBILITY

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.

EXAMPLES

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

FACT VS. MYTH

MYTH

If I participate in the Ticket to Work program while trying to get a job, I'll lose my Medicaid of 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, your ticket cannot be assigned to 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 once you have completed your services with us.

GET IN TOUCH

850-245-3399

800-451-4327

TTY users dial 711 to connect with the telecommunications relay service (TRS).

Video phone users can call through the video relay services (VRS).

The Florida Vocational Rehabilitation program receives 78.7 percent of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For Federal Fiscal year 2018, the total amount of grant funds awarded were \$161,765,853. The remaining 21.3 percent of the costs (\$43,781,610) were funded by Florida State Appropriations.

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