

1. What is the Ticket to Work?

The Ticket to Work is a Social Security Administration program designed to help SSI and SSDI beneficiaries get services that will help them return to work. You can assign your Ticket to any participating provider (called an Employment Network) in the program.

2. Why does VocRehab Vermont want me to assign my Ticket to Work to them?

If you go to work and earn above a certain level, VocRehab Vermont will receive outcome payments from the Social Security Administration. VocRehab Vermont puts those funds back into services for other customers.

3. What happens if I am not able to go to work?

Nothing. There is no consequence if you are not able to go to work after assigning your Ticket.

4. Other than employment services, do I get any other benefit by assigning my Ticket to VocRehab Vermont?

The Social Security Administration will suspend any scheduled medical review for at least one year after you assign your Ticket. They will extend the suspension of medical reviews for additional years (up to six years) if you meet certain employment, training or educational goals. For more details you should talk to a benefits counselor.

5. Do I have to assign my Ticket to VocRehab Vermont?

No. You do not have to assign your Ticket to VocRehab Vermont. *If you decide not to assign your Ticket to VocRehab Vermont it will not affect your services in any way.* After your case is closed with VocRehab Vermont, you can choose to assign your ticket to another Employment Network. If you would like more information on other Employment Networks or general information on the Ticket to Work Program you can contact the following independent resources:

- Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778 or www.socialsecurity.gov/work
- MAXIMUS Beneficiary Hotline: 1-866-968-7842 or www.yourtickettowork.com
- Vermont Protection and Advocacy Inc: 1-800-834-7890
- Vermont Center for Independent Living: 1-800-639-1522

6. What happens to my SSI or SSDI benefits if I go to work?

Going to work may affect your SSI and SSDI benefits as well as other state or federal benefits you receive. It depends on how much you work and what benefits you receive. In most cases you will be financially better off if you are able to work. *However, it is very important you get good information on your specific situation. We strongly recommend you work with a qualified benefits counselor to help you understand how work will affect your benefits.*

In Vermont you can get benefits counseling services from VocRehab Vermont or the Vermont Center for Independent Living at the following numbers:

Vermont Center for Independent Living: 1-800-639-1522

VocRehab Vermont: 1-866-VRWORKS (1-866-879-6757)