

The logo for VocRehabVermont features the text 'VocRehabVermont' in a sans-serif font. 'Voc' is in blue, 'Rehab' is in yellow, and 'Vermont' is in blue. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic of two overlapping arrows pointing right, one blue and one yellow.

## Social Security's Section 301

Social Security offers many work incentives to you on your path to employment. Section 301 is one work incentive you should know about. The full name is Section 301 Payments to Individuals Participating in a Vocational Rehabilitation or Similar Program.

Under Section 301, you can continue to get disability benefits even if Social Security determines you no longer have a disability during a medical review or Age 18 Redetermination.

### **Social Security Medical Reviews**

If you receive a disability related benefit from Social Security you will have a medical review. During a medical review, Social Security looks at your medical history and information. Social Security will stop your eligibility for benefits if they determine you have medically improved.

### **Age 18 Redetermination**

Social Security also reviews everyone at age 18 to see if they have a disability that meets the adult definition.

Even if Social Security decides that you don't have a disability anymore, you may be able to continue receiving benefit payments with Section 301. To be eligible for 301 you must have an approved employment plan to get continued payments. The plan must do three things:

1. The goal is to be employed at a level that you will not be eligible for future cash benefits.
2. Prove you are engaged and active with your employment plan in order to meet your goal.
3. The plan must have started before your medical review was initiated.

# What Do You Need to Do?

One of the most important things people can do to make the process work is to communicate with Social Security. Filling out the necessary paperwork in a timely manner supports the smoothest and quickest process.

## Complete and return the forms you get.

- **SSA 3368** – Disability Report for Adults for Age 18 Reviews
- **SSA 454** – Medical Continuing Disability Reviews
- **SSA 827** – Signature page used to gather medical records from providers

## Collect additional information.

- **IEP** from your school
- **IPE** from Vocational Rehabilitation

## Get others involved.

- Vocational Rehabilitation and other employment supports
- Family or friends

# Contact your Social Security office to make sure your case is flagged for 301

## What Happens If You Get Approved for 301 Continued Payments?

If you get approved for 301 continued payments, your SSI or SSDI payment will continue until the end of your employment program.

Your eligibility for 301 can also end if you are not active and engaged with your plan. You are expected to report any changes in your engagement to Social Security right away. Work with your Social Security office and Benefits Counselor to learn more about working while getting Section 301 payments.