

Ticket to Work

The Ticket to Work Program gives people with disabilities choices in obtaining employment services and resources. The Ticket to Work Program is designed to help people with disabilities go to and maintain work and attain greater self-sufficiency. Most adults between the ages of 18 and 64 years old who are also receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits are eligible to use a "Ticket to Work" from the Social Security Administration.

The Ticket to Work Program connects beneficiaries with employment service providers (called "Employment Networks") to help achieve individual work goals. Under the Ticket Program, you can work full- or part-time as you explore your work options. The Ticket can be used to obtain the employment-related services and supports you need from either state or private Employment Networks.

Employment Networks specialize in assisting people to make the transition from benefits to work. Services may include:

- Vocational assessments
- Training
- Job placement
- Job coaching
- Other assistance needed to prepare for, obtain or maintain employment.

The Ticket to Work Program was re-launched in the summer of 2008. An effort has been made to recruit more Employment Networks, so that people with disabilities will have even more choices for getting assistance to go to and maintain work.

Contact MAXIMUS, the national agency managing the Ticket program, to . . .

- Find out about the Ticket program
- Find out if you are eligible for a Ticket
- Request a Ticket
- Get a replacement Ticket if you lost yours
- Resolve disputes with your Employment Network

MAXIMUS

Phone: 1-866-968-7842 or TTY 1-866-833-2967

Website: www.yourtickettowork.com

Contact MN WORK INCENTIVES CONNECTION to...

- Learn more about the Ticket program
- Find Employment Networks in your area
- Learn how your benefits are affected by work

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Phone: 651-632-5113 or 1-800-976-6728

Or TTY 651-632-5110 (MN Relay- 711)

Social Security Reviews and the Ticket:

When your Ticket to Work is assigned to an Employment Network, and you are meeting your goals and timelines, Social Security will not do a medical Continuing Disability Review. Remember that the work rules regarding how benefits are affected by earnings do apply to you, even when your Ticket is assigned.

For information about Social Security's work rules, contact the MN Work Incentives Connection.

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What do I do with my Ticket to Work?

If you are interested in working and could benefit from one of the vocational services listed above:

- Call MAXIMUS (the program manager) or the MN Work Incentives Connection for a list of Employment Networks in your area.
- Contact the Employment Networks you are interested in. Since the Ticket program gives you a choice of where to get employment services, you may want to research the Employment Networks in your area to find the one that is right for you. Some questions for Employment Networks include:
 1. Do you have experience serving people with my disability?
 2. Do you offer the special services I need?
 3. Are you located near where I live?
 4. What kind of experience do you have training and placing people with disabilities?
 5. Do you work with all available employers or just certain ones?
 6. Can you tell me about some of your successes?
 7. What will be expected of me?

After doing your research, assign your Ticket to the Employment Network that best meets your needs.

- You and your Employment Network will create an Individual Work Plan with goals and timelines. Discuss your responsibilities with your Employment Network.
- You will need to assign your Ticket when you develop an Employment Plan with State Rehabilitation Services.

How do I un-assign my Ticket to Work?

If you decide you no longer wish to work with your Employment Network, you can un-assign your Ticket.

- You need to write a letter to MAXIMUS requesting that the Ticket be un-assigned. The address is printed on the Employment Plan Supplement that your Employment Network will give you.
- Your protection from a medical Continuing Disability Review will end in three months if you do not re-assign your Ticket to another Employment Network.

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