



Ticket to Work Program



What is Ticket to Work?

Ticket to Work (TTW) is a Social Security Administration (SSA) program for people ages 18 to 64 who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or both. The goal is to offer choices in vocational rehabilitation (VR) services and help SSI and SSDI beneficiaries enter the workforce and gain more independence.

- All *eligible* SSI and SSDI beneficiaries will be issued a "ticket."
- Through TTW, SSA will reimburse the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OOD) or an employment network (EN) for services that lead to employment.
- When an individual signs an IPE with vocational rehabilitation they are placing their ticket in use.



How to Use a Ticket to Work?

After receiving the Ticket to Work in the mail, a beneficiary can take it to a local OOD office or an EN for vocational training, job placement and other services.

Why Choose OOD?

OOD has helped Ohioans with disabilities find and obtain employment in the competitive labor market or retain their jobs for nearly 40 years. It has approximately 15 field offices throughout the state and its highly trained rehabilitation counselors have helped thousands of Ohioans reach their employment goals.

OOD offers a wide range of employment and support services, including:

- Counseling and guidance
- Training
- Comprehensive assessments
- Interpreter services and sign language
- Assistive technology
- Job coaching

OOD is committed to quality and has partnerships with the best service providers in the state.

The agency can conduct comprehensive assessments, which can help beneficiaries and counselors pick the best path for reaching employment goals.

OOD has many long-standing relationships with employers that provide significant job opportunities for our consumers.

800.282.4536

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Will My Benefits be Safeguarded?

Beneficiaries who participate in Ticket to Work are exempt from a medical continuing disability review, the periodic review of a case that allows SSA to determine whether an individual is still disabled. The exemption continues as long as the beneficiary makes timely progress in training and work plans.

A beneficiary may also be eligible for expedited reinstatement of benefits for up to 60 months after they return to work, if he or she is unable to continue to work due to a disability.

I'm Back to Work...

...but I still need medical coverage. Ohio's Medicaid Buy-In Program for Workers with Disabilities (MBI-WD) may be a solution.

MBI-WD, implemented by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, allows eligible workers with disabilities to pay monthly premiums so that they may receive or continue to receive Medicaid benefits. Premiums are based on income, family size and standard deductions, which include health insurance premiums, impairment-related work expenses and other expenditures. Eligibility is based on income and resources.

Additional Resources Regarding Ticket to Work

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency

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Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

800. 324. 8680 voice; 800. 292. 3572 TTY
www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/mbiwd.stm

Social Security Administration, Ticket to Work Program

866. 968. 7842 voice; 866. 833. 2967 TTY
www.ssa.gov/work

**Returning to work may impact
your benefits. Contact the
following organizations for benefit
consultations and analysis:**

Center for Vocational Alternatives for Mental Health

3770 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43214
877. 521. 2682
www.cova.org

Disability Rights Ohio

50 West Broad Street, Suite 1400
Columbus, OH 43215-5923
800. 282. 9181 voice; 800. 858. 3542 TTY
www.disabilityrightsohio.org

Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati

215 East 9th Street, Suite 200
Cincinnati, OH 45202
800. 582. 2682 voice; 800. 750. 0750 Ohio
relay service
www.lascinti.org

Mission:

The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency partners with individuals with disabilities to achieve quality employment, independence and disability determination outcomes through integrated services, partnerships and innovation.

OOD does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, genetic information, military status, veterans' status, national origin/ancestry, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

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