

Michigan Rehabilitation Services and the Ticket to Work Program

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (LEO)

The Ticket to Work Program, offered by the Social Security Administration (SSA), offers you choices for services to become and stay employed.

- You may choose to place your ticket with MRS or assign your ticket to an Employment Network (public or private group that contracts with Social Security) to obtain vocational rehabilitation services, employment services, or other support services necessary to achieve employment. At MRS, a professional rehabilitation counselor can help you with your future job goal.
- The ticket program is voluntary. It is your choice to participate in this program offered by the SSA.
- If you choose to receive services from MRS, you will be considered participating in the ticket program after completing an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) agreed upon by you and your MRS counselor. You do not need a ticket document to participate in the program.
- Your ticket cannot be placed with MRS and an Employment Network at the same time. If you assign your ticket to an Employment Network while working with MRS, you will be notified by your MRS counselor about the next steps.
- SSA requires that all disability beneficiaries undergo medical reviews. Your review will be delayed if you meet SSA progress goals. A list of Social Security progress goals of work and earnings are on the back of this sheet.
- If you are not able to meet SSA's progress goals, you will be required to undergo your regularly scheduled medical review. You can still participate in the ticket program.
- If you have questions or would like more information including a list of providers, you can call SSA's Ticket to Work Help Line toll-free at 866-968-7842 or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY). You can also email general inquiries to support@chooseworkttw.net.
- SSA also provides work incentives to assist you as you increase your independence through employment.

For more information, you can:

- Ask your MRS counselor about the availability of a Certified Work Incentive Coordinator (CWIC) for benefits planning and assistance in your return to work.
- Contact BASS toll-free at 1-866-968-7842.
- Read information from the SSA [Work Incentives-General Information](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/generalinfo.htm) website at www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/generalinfo.htm
- For additional Social Security information and resources in your return to work, refer to the [Social Security's Red Book](http://www.ssa.gov/redbook) at www.ssa.gov/redbook.

Social Security - Timely Progress Review (TPR) Requirements

Ticket holders must achieve at least one of the requirements listed for their particular review period before we find that they have made timely progress for that review period. The review period is at least twelve months long, and there is usually one review a year.

FIRST REVIEW

- 3 months of work at or above the Trial Work Level (TWL)¹ amount; or
- Complete at least 60% of a full-time course load for an academic year in a 2-year or 4-year college or a technical, trade, or vocational training program; or
- Complete a combination² of the above work and education requirements; or
- Obtain a GED or high school diploma.

SECOND REVIEW

- 6 months of work at or above the TWL¹ amount; or
- Complete at least 75% of a full-time course load for an academic year in a 2-year or 4-year college or a technical, trade, or vocational training program; or
- Complete a combination² of the above work and education requirements.

THIRD REVIEW

- 9 months of work at or above Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)¹ amount; or
- Complete a full-time academic year at a 4-year college; or
- Complete a combination² of the above work and education requirements; or
- Complete a 2-year college program and earn a degree or certificate; or
- Complete a technical, trade, or vocational training program.

FOURTH REVIEW

- 9 months of work at or above SGA amount; or
- Complete a full-time academic year at a 4-year college or;
- Complete a combination of the above work and education requirements.

FIFTH REVIEW

- 6 months of work and have earnings in each of those 6 months that prevent payment of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cash benefits; or
- Complete a full-time academic year at a 4-year college; or
- Complete a combination² of the above work and education requirements; or
- Complete a 4-year college program and earn a degree or certificate.

SIXTH REVIEW

- 6 months of work and have earnings in each of those 6 months that prevent payment of SSDI and Federal SSI cash benefits; or
- Complete a 4-year college program and earn a degree or certificate.

SEVENTH REVIEW AND ANY ADDITIONAL REVIEWS

6 months of work and have earnings in each of those 6 months that prevent payment of SSDI and Federal SSI cash benefits.

For more information regarding Timely Progress Review requirements, visit <https://yourtickettowork.ssa.gov/program-operations/requirements.html>.

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*TTY users may contact MRS by dialing 711 and providing the relay operator with the toll-free number.

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