

Why Might You Wish to Have Work Incentives Benefits Counseling?

Please consider the following questions as you determine if you want Work Incentive Benefits Counseling. Then report your choice on the Accept or Decline form on the back of this page.

- Work Incentive Benefits counseling informs you about how earnings impact SSI, SSDI, state benefits and Health insurance.
- It makes you aware of your responsibility for wage reporting.
- This service is available at NO cost to you.

If you **DECLINE Work Incentive Benefits Counseling now**, you may request it in the future.

If you **ACCEPT Work Incentive Benefits Counseling**, you will complete a referral form, including releases of information. To receive a complete analysis, you will need to provide information about your federal and state entitlement programs, health insurance to the Counselor, including other benefits if you have them.

Circle the answer that best reflects your questions or concern.

1. I have questions about how working may affect my SSI or SSDI payments.	YES	NO
2. I am wondering what may happen to my Medicare or Medicaid benefits if I work.	YES	NO
3. I have received a letter from Social Security stating that my SSI benefits will soon be changing to SSDI benefits, and I don't know what this means.	YES	NO
4. Social Security sent a letter stating that I have been overpaid because of my earnings, and I don't know how this happened or what I can do about it.	YES	NO
5. I am working and have not reported my earnings, or I don't know how to report my earnings to Social Security.	YES	NO
6. I have heard the myth that I am only allowed to work part-time when I receive SSI or SSDI benefits, and I am wondering if this is true.	YES	NO
7. I am wondering what will happen if my SSI or SSDI payments stop because of my earnings, but I need them again in the future.	YES	NO
8. I live in subsidized housing, and I am wondering whether or not working will cause my rent to increase.	YES	NO
9. I receive SNAP benefits and I wonder whether working will cause them to stop or be reduced.	YES	NO
10. I have concerns about how working could affect my Cost of Care/share.	YES	NO
11. I want to have more information about how earnings will affect all of my benefits before making a decision to work.	YES	NO

If you answer Yes to 1 or more of these questions consider accepting Work Incentive Benefits Counseling. Report choice on back of form.

How to Obtain Work Incentive Benefits Planning:

ORS Client: request benefits planning from your VR counselor

BHDDH-DDD funding: Submit the EERF to BHDDH

ALL other SSI or SSDI beneficiaries: contact the Ticket to Work Helpline: 866-968-7842