



Show Me the Money!

OSECE Conference 2020

What is the Ticket to Work?



- ▶ Gives SSA beneficiaries, ages 18 - 65, the ability to choose where to go for employment services from a list of SSA approved providers.
- ▶ Gives beneficiaries protection from an SSA medical review (CDR) while using the Ticket.
 - Protection and assignment of the Ticket applies once they sign an employment plan with an Employment Network (EN) or State VR (SVR agency. CDR protection only applies on first use of the Ticket or if the individual has met previous use progress guidelines.

TTW Beneficiary Participation

If the Beneficiary chooses to come to the State VR agency for employment services then:

- ▶ The client's Ticket will be automatically assigned to the SVR agency once an employment plan (IPE) is signed.
- ▶ The Ticket will not be unassigned until VR case closure.
- ▶ The Ticket can only be used with one agency at a time

State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies (VR)

The SVR agency is a mandatory participant in the TTW program and we are always on the list of employment providers.

Can function as a general VR agency (Cost Reimbursement payments) or as a TTW Employment Network

Two EN TTW payment options:

- ▶ Milestone/Outcome Payments
- ▶ Outcome Payments

What is the VR Cost Reimbursement Program, you ask??

SSA will reimburse the SVR agencies for direct costs, and administrative costs after the SVR assists the beneficiary with going to work and the beneficiary has achieved 9 continuous months of work with earnings above the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level.

SGA levels for 2020 are:

- ▶ Non-Blind \$1,260.00/month
- ▶ Blind \$2,110.00/month

2020 Payments at a Glance

OUTCOME PAYMENT METHOD

Payment Type	Beneficiary Earnings Required After Ticket Assignment	SSI Ticketholder (Title XVI)	SSDI Ticketholder (Title II)
Outcome	Earnings sufficient for "zero" cash benefits status	Up to 60 Payments of \$472/Month	Up to 36 payments of \$829/Month
Total of Outcome Payments Available		\$ 28,320	\$ 29,844

MILESTONE OUTCOME PAYMENT METHOD

Payment Type	Beneficiary Earnings	SSI Payment Amount (Title XVI)	SSDI Payment Amount (Title II)
Phase 1 Milestones**			
Milestone 1	\$910/mo. x 1 mo.	\$1,485	\$1,485
Milestone 2	\$910/mo. x 3 mos. w/in 6 mos.	\$1,485	\$1,485
Milestone 3	\$910/mo. x 6 mos. w/in 12 mos.	\$1,485	\$1,485
Milestone 4	\$910/mo. x 9 mos. w/in 18 mos.	\$1,485	\$1,485
Total Potential Phase 1 Milestones		\$5,940	\$5,940
Phase 2 Milestones	Gross Earnings > SGA (\$1,260/\$2,110)***	\$253/mo. for up to 18 mos. = \$4,554	\$445/mo. for up to 11 mos. = \$4,895
Total Potential Phase 1+2 Milestones		\$10,494	\$10,835
Outcome	Earnings > SGA (\$1,260/\$2,110)*** And federal cash benefit = \$0	\$253/mo. for up to 60 mos. = \$15,180	\$445/mo. for up to 36 mos. = \$16,020
Total Potential Milestone and Outcome Payments		\$ 25,674	\$ 26,855

Ticket to Work Clarification

How does the Ticket to Work interact with other SSA work incentives?

It doesn't. TTW is a stand-alone program with the sole purpose of providing SSA beneficiaries assistance to go to work and ultimately work themselves off of benefits. ENs and SVRs are rewarded with TTW or Cost Reimbursement payments for achieving this goal.

VR Ticket to Work Program: SHOW ME THE MONEY!

- ❖ Oregon VR has chosen to give IPS Supported Employment agencies, working with VR, a venue to obtain TTW monies
- ❖ VR facilitates the process and has become the fiscal agent for obtaining these funds.



VR/EN Agreement - Mental Health

In an effort to build the MH Supported Employment programs, VR chose to start this program with OSECE.

- ▶ IPS programs must be current vendors with Oregon VR.
- ▶ Programs refer clients to VR for services as usual.
- ▶ The IPS program then must send the clients' names to the TTW Coordinator, preferably monthly, so that the TTW program can be initiated.
- ▶ VR will assign the ticket and monitor for potential payments.
- ▶ VR pays the IPS program a pre-established percentage of any TTW payments received for the clients reported.

VR/MH Agency TTW Payment Split

<u>TTW Phase</u>	<u>VR</u>	<u>MH Agency</u>
Phase 1	50%	50%
Phase 2	35%	65%
Outcome	20%	80%

It's EASY!



Once your program becomes a vendor with VR, and is in a TTW contract, all you need to do is:

1. Report current clients enrolled in VR services to TTW Coordinator monthly.
2. Track quarterly contact with current and graduated IPS clients eligible for TTW payments.
 - ▶ This contact can be from anyone at agency (i.e.; MHS, skills trainer or doctor progress notes.)
 - ▶ Can also be a letter automatically sent quarterly.

Current TTW Contracts

- ▶ Benton County Health
- ▶ Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
- ▶ Center for Human Development
- ▶ Central City Concerns
- ▶ Clackamas County
- ▶ ColumbiaCare Services
- ▶ Columbia Community Mental Health
- ▶ Compass Behavioral Health
- ▶ Deschutes County Health Services
- ▶ Laurel Hill Center
- ▶ Lifeworks NW
- ▶ Lifeways, Inc
- ▶ Linn County Dept of Health
- ▶ Marion County Health
- ▶ Mid-Columbia Center for living
- ▶ Options of Southern Oregon
- ▶ Yamhill County

Why Should We Do This?



- ▶ Why not get additional funds for the services that you are already performing?
- ▶ Some programs have received sizeable amounts!
- ▶ All Agencies together have brought in over \$500,000 since program start!
- ▶ The time it takes to report monthly and track quarterly contact is minimal.

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