

LET'S TALK TICKET

Social Security has mailed out "Tickets" to **Social Security** beneficiaries as part of a program called **Ticket to Work**. This program helps people with disabilities get the information they need in order to work.

What is the Ticket to Work? A paper certificate (a "Ticket") that you can bring to an agency called an "Employment Network" to get the information you need to go to work. You do not pay for these services; they are free.

Who should have received a Ticket? All Social Security Beneficiaries (SSI and SSDI) who are between the ages of 18 and 64, except those people SSA considers to be "medical improvement expected".

What's in it for me? First and foremost – CHOICE! You can choose whether to use your Ticket, and where to use it. If you choose Not to use your Ticket – Nothing changes. If you choose to use your Ticket, SSA will not conduct a Medical Continuing Disability Review as long as you are using your Ticket. "Using your Ticket" means that you have taken it to an Employment Network and have signed an Individual Work Plan and agree to strive toward specified work goals and will receive the employment services offered by that Network designed to help you work.

Do I have to use my Ticket? The program is voluntary. When you receive your Ticket in the mail you can use it right away, save it for later, or decide not to use it at all.

What is an Employment Network (EN)? An EN can be the public vocational rehabilitation service, or it can be a person, agency, or business approved by Social Security Administration and Maximus to accept Tickets and provide employment services at no cost to you. CPRF has a proven track record here in Kansas and the Employment Network is looking for ticket holders that want to go to work and become self sufficient.

What if I want more information about how work will affect my SSA benefits? You should have a Benefit Analysis done by a Community Work Incentive Coordinator at the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation. You can contact them at (316) 688-1888 locally or toll free at 1-800-550-5804.

Will I lose my medical? Yes ---The work incentives are designed to help you retain your medical and eligibility. The cash benefit is replaced by employment wages.