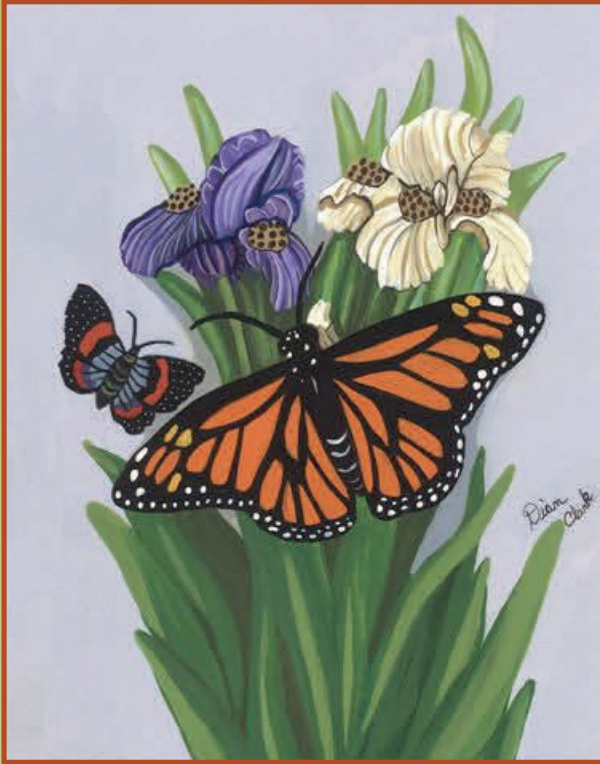


Ticket to Work



The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act of 1999 is a national effort to provide training, healthcare and other supports that people with disabilities need in order to go to work.

What is the Ticket Program?

A Ticket is a voucher that lets you get employment, vocational rehabilitation and other support services from public and private providers if you receive Social Security Disability (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Participation in the Ticket program is completely voluntary.

If you got a Ticket, you can take it to an Employment Network (EN), including Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS), to find out about employment and education services to help you go to work. Employment Networks are private organizations or public agencies that work with Social Security to provide these services under the Ticket program. The EN or LRS will help you to design a plan to reach your employment goal. You can get a list of Employment Networks by calling Maximus at 1-866-968-7842 or by visiting the Ticket to Work website at www.yourtickettowork.com.

What you REALLY need to know about the Ticket

- Maximus, your local Social Security office, or any Employment Network can tell you if you are eligible for Ticket services.
- You can contact any Employment Network in your area, including Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, to see if it has services that fit your needs.
- You are free to talk with as many Employment Networks as you choose.
- You can stop working with or ask to change your Employment Network at anytime by contacting Maximus.



Healthcare

You may be able to get health care coverage through Louisiana's **Medicaid Purchase Plan** if you have a qualifying disability and you work.

If you have Medicare, you may be able to keep it after you go back to work, even after you no longer get Social Security.

Getting Help

Louisiana Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Coalition can help if you're thinking about work. A Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) can explain the Social Security Administration (SSA) programs for which you might be eligible, and how earnings from work will affect your benefits. Contact WIPA at 1-888-942-8104.

The **Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)** project can provide free statewide advocacy and legal help with job related issues if you get SSDI or SSI.

Resources

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

www.ssa.gov/work

www.choosework.net

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

P.O. Box 91297

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9297

1-800-737-2958

225-219-4993 Fax

www.laworks.net/

Medicaid Purchase Plan

P.O. Box 81288

Baton Rouge, La 70821-9288

1-888-544-7996

www.LaMPP.org

Advocacy Center (PABSS)

8325 Oak Street

New Orleans, LA 70118

1-800-960-7705 (Voice & TTY)

504-522-5507 (Fax)

www.advocacyla.org/



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