



## WORKING WITH A DISABILITY & SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

# Q&A FACT SHEET

### ABOUT

It can be hard to come back to work as a person with a disability. It can be hard to begin working for the first time as a person with a disability. There can be a lot of barriers that make it difficult. We receive funds from the federal government to help. We offer legally based support to people with disabilities who get Social Security benefits.

Here are some of the common concerns we often hear and can help with.

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***"I AM WORRIED THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WORK BECAUSE I HAVE HEARD THAT I WILL LOSE MY CHECK IF I MAKE OVER \$150/MONTH."***

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If you are only on SSI, you can usually earn over \$1,300 per month before you will get no SSI check at all. Your check may be reduced over time. But you will still have more income than you had before you started working!

***"I WOULD LIKE TO GO TO WORK BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE MY MEDICAID OR MEDICARE BENEFIT."***

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Most of the time you will still be able to keep your full Medicaid coverage, even if you earn too much to continue to get an SSI check. You have this right under section 1619(b) of the Social Security Act.

***"I HAVE CONCERNS THAT WITH MY DISABILITY, I WILL GO TO WORK AND LOSE MY BENEFITS AND THE GET SICK AGAIN. WILL I HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING BACK ON BENEFITS IF I NEED TO?"***

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If this happens, the law says you have a right to fast processing of your request to start benefits again. You will probably be able to get support while you are waiting for the new decision about your disability status. It's called "Expedited Reinstatement and Provisional Payments"

***"HOW CAN I GET HELP OR ADVICE IF I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK ON BENEFITS BUT FEEL LIKE MY EMPLOYER ISN'T ACCOMMODATING MY DISABILITY? I CAN'T AFFORD LEGAL ADVICE."***

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We are here to help. Please contact us about any concerns or questions you may have. We want to help you understand your rights.