



The Connect to Work Center
The Premier Resource Center for Benefits Information

JUST THE FACTS ON TICKET-TO-WORK

Social Security Administration (SSA) mails “Tickets” to eligible SSI/DI beneficiaries in Connecticut. This voluntary program assists people receiving disability benefits with going to work by decreasing barriers to employment and increasing their choice of vocational service providers.

- ✓ Participation in the program is voluntary. Beneficiaries **DO NOT** have to take part in this program to keep their disability benefits.
- ✓ SSA will not do continuing disability reviews of your medical condition while they consider you to be "using" your ticket unless your review was already started before your ticket was put into “use” or assigned.
- ✓ Participants in the “**Ticket-to-Work**” program can receive employment services or other services to help them go to work or earn more money from work.
- ✓ In the “**Ticket-to-Work**” program, participants can choose from among several providers of vocational services called **Employment Networks, (EN’s)**. ENs are organizations or agencies that have agreed to work with the Social Security Administration to provide employment services to beneficiaries with disabilities. If you use your “Ticket” with BRS, you may be able to receive ongoing supports from an EN once your BRS case is closed. This is called Partnership Plus. Your BRS counselor will give you information on this new feature of the “Ticket” program.
- ✓ **Maximus, INC.** is a private company that is working with SSA to help manage the Ticket-to-Work program. Maximus can answer questions about the Ticket-to-Work and can provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of other Employment Networks that are in the beneficiary’s area.
- ✓ When a beneficiary and EN agree to work together, the “Ticket” is assigned to that EN. If the services do not meet the beneficiaries’ needs, they may choose to **reassign** their ticket to another EN.
- ✓ Anyone interested in taking part in or getting more information about the Ticket-to-Work program should contact **Maximus, INC.** at 1-866-968-7842 or 866-833-2967 TDD or www.yourtickettowork.com. (Current BRS consumers can get information from their counselors).