



SOCIAL SECURITY WORK INCENTIVES

Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA): the performance of significant physical and/or mental activities in work for pay or profit.

2019 SGA Amounts: Non-blind - \$1220.00 gross wages per month

Blind - \$2040.00 gross wages per month

TITLE II WORK INCENTIVES:

Trial Work Period (TWP): allows you to test your ability to work for at least 9 months and receive full Title II benefits. Any month when gross wages are over \$880.00 is a trial work month. Months do not have to be consecutive.

Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE): consecutive 36-month period following a TWP. Any month you earn over SGA in the EPE, you are not due a check.

Subsidy: supports you receive on the job that may result in more pay than the actual value of work you perform. SSA only considers the value of your work for a SGA decision.

***Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE):** SSA can deduct the cost of items/services you pay for out of pocket that are needed for you to work due to your impairment. SSA can deduct the cost of these items from earned income to figure your SSI payment.

Unsuccessful Work Attempt (UWA): an effort to do substantial work that was stopped or reduced below the SGA level within a 6-month period due to your impairment or because special conditions related to your impairment were removed.

***Expedited Reinstatement (EXR):** you may request reinstatement of your benefits within 5 years of when they ended if you stop working above the SGA level because of your impairment.

Extended Medicare: if your benefits stop due to work, you can receive at least 93 consecutive months of Medicare coverage after your TWP.

***Ticket to Work (TTW):** participation in TTW increases available choices when obtaining employment or vocational rehabilitation services you may need to get and keep a job. You might not be subject to a continuing disability review while using your Ticket.