

Ticket to Work – “Show Me the \$”
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About Employment Networks (EN)

- Private and government agencies that provide employment services to people with disabilities.
- Can be a single entity or a group of providers who pool their resources.
- Provide services under an **Individual Work Plan** agreement with a ticket holder.
- Paid by SSA based upon the beneficiary attaining specific employment outcomes.

Employment Networks Provide

- Employment services
- Transportation
- Counseling & guidance
- Vocational rehabilitation services
- Other support services to help client enter and retain employment



Possible Employment Networks

- Any qualified State, local or private organization
- One-stop delivery systems
- Public or private schools
- Independent living centers
- Employers, Private Companies, Employment Placement Agencies etc.



Proposed: Improved Ticket Program

- PROPOSED new regulations would make the Ticket to Work program **more profitable** for the EN.
- Payments would be made **earlier** in employment process and for **more easily attained** outcomes
- Payments would be approximately the **same** for both SSI and SSDI beneficiaries.
- Vocational Rehabilitation Cost Reimbursement Process payments and EN outcome payments would be possible for the same client.

New Ticket to Work Features

- We would use **gross** earnings when determining milestone payments (Proposed).
- Streamlined administration procedures make it easier to qualify as an EN.
- New Help Desk insures prompt EN payment
- Local Work Incentive Seminars will identify beneficiaries interested in working

Funds are flexible and can be used for any purpose by the employment network.

Outcome – Milestone Payment System

- Provides for EN payment for the worker's attainment of certain employment milestones.
- Up to 4 **Phase 1** milestone payments based upon worker earning **Trial Work Period** level earnings (\$640 a month in 2007)
- Up to 18 **Phase 2** milestone payments based upon Substantial Gainful Activity level GROSS earnings BEFORE deducting Work Incentives
- Milestones must occur **after** ticket assignment and **after** the beneficiary starts to work and **before** start of the outcome payment period.

Phase 1 Milestones –Beneficiary Earning above Trial Work level (\$640)

EN Payment System

- 2 weeks work @ \$155.00 a week = \$1135
- 3 months work above \$630/mo. = \$ 1135
- 6 months work above \$630/mo. = \$ 1135
- 9 months work above \$630/mo. = \$ 1135

Phase 1 payments to EN per beneficiary = **\$4540**

Phase 2 Milestones

- Additional monthly milestone (job retention) payments are made when:
 - Client has achieved all Phase 1 milestones
 - Client gross earnings over are over SGA (\$900/mo)
 - Outcome payment period has **not** begun
- Payments are \$341/mo. for SSDI and concurrent clients for up to 11 months
- Payments are \$197/mo. for SSI eligible clients for up to 18 months

Ticket Program Example

- **Business Plan** – Identify Ticket holders receiving services
- Develop an Individual Work Plan – DPN?
- Provide services that are negotiated with beneficiary
- Beneficiary can keep check
- UI data sufficient for billing
- Plan only requires part-time work (\$640.00 per month)



Proposed Payments (2007 Rates)

Type	Earnings	SSDI	SSI
Phase 1			
Milestone 1	\$320/2 wks	\$1,135	\$1,135
Milestone 2 (M1+2.5 mo)	\$640/mo for 3 month	\$1,135	\$1,135
Milestone 3 (M2+3 mo.)	\$640/mo for 6 month	\$1,135	\$1,135
Milestone 4 (M3+3 mo.)	\$640/mo for 9 month	\$1,135	\$1,135

Type	Earnings	SSDI	SSI
Phase 2	Gross > SGA	\$341/mo. For 11 mos.	\$197/mo. For 18 mos.
Total Milestone Phases		\$8,291	\$8,086
Outcome Phase	Net > SGA AND 0 cash benefit	\$341/mo for 36 months	\$197/mo for 60 months.
Total Ticket Payments		\$20,567	\$19,906
*Based	on 2007	figures	

Iowa Workforce Research

- Iowa has 82,715 Ticket Holders - about 3400 (1.4%) received Workforce Services in 2006
 - There were 200,602 Iowans active in ES/Vets services at some point in 2006 – of those, 3,373 were ticket holders (632 disclosed disability – 2,408 did not disclose disability – 233 were noted as “unknown” disability status)
 - Of 3,088 people active in WIA in 2006 – 44 were ticket holders (27 disclosed disability – 17 did not disclose disability)

Iowa Potential Income

- 3400 Ticket holders received services
- If only 50% assigned their Ticket and 50% of those Tickets resulted in at least 1 payment – first Milestone 2 weeks PT work (\$320/mo).
- Income would equal almost **\$1 Million**
- If the average was two milestones per assignment – 3 months of PT work - the total would be **\$2 Million** annually
- Funds are not considered program dollars

How do I become an EN?

- Download the Request for Proposal (RFP) at www.fedbizopps.gov
- Review the RFP and the instructions
- Complete the application, copy, and submit it with all the required documentation per the RFP instructions
- The state or local Workforce Board would probably be the applicant
- Board Approval may be needed.

Employment Networks Contracts Team

- Contact the **Employment Networks Contact Team** directly for guidance and support
- *Fastest* service can be provided by email:
ENContracts@SSA.GOV
- Toll free: 866-584-5180
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Questions?

- For more information on the Ticket
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- Or visit www.ssa.gov/work

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