Ticket to Work

Medical Continuing Disability Reviews

# What are they?

Social Security Administration (SSA) performs medical Continuing Disability Reviews (CDRs) periodically when consumers receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). They do this to see if a consumer’s disability has medically improved and to determine if they continue to be eligible for benefits.

Medical CDRs are performed every 1, 3, 5, 7 or more years depending on the likelihood of a person’s disability improving, according to SSA.

# How do they work?

While consumers have their Ticket to Work (TTW) In-Use with a State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agency or assigned to an Employment Network (EN), SSA will excuse them from medical CDRs so long as they’re meeting SSA’s guidelines for making timely progress towards employment.

See the Timely Progress Review (TPR) Fact Sheet for more information.

# Why are they important?

Medical CDRs often create a lot of anxiety for consumers! Medical CDR suspension is an important benefit of the TTW program, so it’s important to ensure consumers understand the TTW program and TPRs.

There can be situations where a consumer may have a medical CDR initiated while their TTW is In-Use with DOR or assigned to an EN:

* The consumer did not pass a Timely Progress Review (TPR), or
* The medical CDR was initiated before the TTW was put In-Use with DOR (or assigned to an EN). If this occurs the medical CDR may proceed
* Occasionally, medical CDRs may be initiated in error. Contact Social Security Programs Section (SSPS) for more information.

See POMS DI 55050.010 Handling General Questions About Continuing Disability Reviews (CDRs) And Ticket Use: <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lnx/0455050010>