**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Work Incentives Planning Services Brochure**

Front Cover of Tri-Fold Brochure

Image of California State Seal

Image of Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Logo

Work Incentives Planning Services

Receiving Social Security disability benefits? Worried about what happens to your benefits when you go to work?

GET THE FACTS!

Picture of man using a wheelchair with a woman peering over his shoulder at his laptop

Inside, left flap

**Work Incentives Planning Services**

Work Incentives Planners (WIPs) are part of your team at the Department of Rehabilitation

**Where do you start?**

Talk to your counselor to see if you’re eligible for WIP Services. The WIPs can provide information on . . .

* How to use work incentives
* Benefits management tools
* Benefits advisement
* Comprehensive Benefits Summary and Analysis
* Work Incentives Plans
* Wage reporting tools and resources
* Connecting to service providers who can provide continued support after your DOR case is closed

Inside, middle flap

**Social Security Work Incentives can support your employment efforts!**

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

* You are always better off financially when you work while receiving SSI.
* Social Security counts less than half of your earned income.

**Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)**

* Keep your full SSDI benefits while you test your ability to work for at least 9 months.
* Your SSDI check will be there if you need it for a period of time!

**Medi-Cal and Medicare**

**Medi-Cal:** Keep your Medi-Cal long-term even if you don’t receive an SSI check anymore.

**Medicare:** Keep your Medicare for at least 8 years after you start working! Pay the premium, and you can keep it even longer.

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Image of a man with a prosthetic arm holding a tool for work

If you go to work…

THE MYTHS:

* You’ll lose your cash benefits.
* You’ll lose your Medi-Cal or Medicare
* If you have to stop working because of your disability, you won’t be able to get back on benefits

If you go to work…

THE FACTS:

* There are work incentives that ensure you don’t lose your benefits prematurely
* There are Medi-Cal and Medicare programs designed specifically for people with disabilities who work
* If you have to stop working due to your disability, you can get your benefits back.

Inside right flap

Image of a woman in a blazer using forearm crutches

“My WIP is excellent . . . and very helpful. I am very grateful for DOR providing such a valuable service. Now I understand I can work and continue to get my SSI.”

Outside left flap

YOU CAN:

* Go to work
* Be financially independent
* Keep your Medi-Cal or Medicare long-term
* Be better off working!

DOR supports your journey to financial independence!

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Resources:

Work Incentives Planners at DOR:

Phone: 1-866-449-2730

Email: TTWinfo@dor.ca.gov

Web: www.dor.ca.gov

Additional services available from Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Projects:

Web: www.choosework.net

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Image of 13 diverse people standing