

CONCERNED ABOUT HOW WORKING MIGHT AFFECT YOUR BENEFITS? TOP TEN REASONS TO KNOW ABOUT THE WORK INCENTIVES NETWORK!

10. In Section 8 or public housing?

No rent increase for 1 year after the day you start working; in the 2nd year only one-half of earnings count towards a rent increase.

This is called *Earned Income Disregard*

9. Are you legally blind?

Keep some or all of your SSI check when you work.

This is called *Blind Work Expense*

8. Are you a student under the age of 22?

Attend school regularly and you can keep some or all of your SSI check when working.

This is called *Student Earned Income Exclusion*

7. Do you get Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and want to try working?

Keep your entire check for about 9 months while working no matter how much you earn.

This is called *Trial Work Period*

6. Do you get SSDI and don't want to lose your eligibility?

Keep your eligibility status for a 3 year period if you work too much to receive a cash check.

This is called *Extended Period of Eligibility*

5. Do you get SSDI or SSI?

Keep your SSDI check; or keep more of your SSI check when you work.

This is called *Impairment Related Work Expense*

4. Do you need help paying for things to reach your work goal?

Get SSI to cover your living expenses while using your money to pursue your vocational goal.

This is called *Plan for Achieving Self Support*

3. Do you get SSI and don't want to lose medical coverage?

Earn less than \$29,050.00 a year and you keep your Medicaid coverage.

This is called *Medicaid Rule 1619b*

2. Do you get SSI and earn over the 1619b limit?

Buy into Medicaid if you have \$5,000 or less in resources and earn under \$4,599 a month.

This is called *Employed Persons with Disabilities Program*

1. Worried about figuring all this out by yourself?

You don't have to!

The Work Incentives Network (WIN) is a **free service** with professionals all over Oregon who are ready to help you maintain critical benefits and have more money in your pocket when you work!

When you work, you WIN, so call your local WIN staff TODAY!