

Did you Know . . .

Social Security Work Incentives such as trial work period and easy reinstatement of benefits, let you try out working without risking the loss of your health benefits (Medicaid and/or Medicare).

Rhode Islanders with Disabilities can plan for employment, accept raises, and not lose health benefits!

Maximize your independence and make the most of your abilities. Grow your social network and learn new skills. Earn and build assets. You have a lot to offer an employer, and a lot to gain by working!



You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers!

Contact the following organizations to help you get on the Rhode to Work:

Rhodes to Independence:

Sherlock Plan Counseling and Guidance
(401)462-6022

Work Incentives Planning Assistance (WIPA):

Certified Work Incentive Counselors
(401)421-7005

Ocean State Center for Independent Living (OSCIL):

401-738-1013 (main office-voice)
866-857-1161 (Toll Free - Voice)
401-738-1015 (main office-TTY)

PARI Independent Living Center:

(401)725-1966 (voice/TDD)

netWORKri:

Providence Office (401)462-8006 (TDD)
Pawtucket Office (401)722-3100

Goodwill Industries of RI:

(401)861-2080
(401)331-2830 (TTY)

The Providence Center:

(401)276-4020

RI Governor's Commission on Disability:

(401)462-0100



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Calling All Rhode Islanders With Disabilities...

Do you find yourself
choosing between

Work and
Healthcare?



WHY HAVE TO CHOOSE?

Get on the 'Rhode' to a
Great Job with the
Sherlock Plan!

Maybe you've thought about working, or working more than you are now....

...but you have questions. Will your earnings affect your benefits? What about your health insurance? Where can you get vocational services to help you find and keep a good job?

First, learn how your earnings impact your benefits by meeting with a Certified Work Incentive Counselor (see back panel for contact information).

Second, there are programs in your area that provide vocational training, job placement, and job support services.

Third, Social Security Work Incentive 1619(b) and/or the Sherlock Plan have your healthcare covered. They both provide health insurance for people with disabilities who are working.



Traveling the "Rhode" to Work without Losing Health Coverage:

1619(a) A Social Security Work Incentive for Individuals on SSI

- Medical Assistance (Medicaid) will continue!
- For every \$2 you earn, \$1 will be deducted from your cash benefits (SSI).
- Not until you make more than double your SSI Benefits, will SSI cash assistance be \$0 (zero).

1619(b): Continuing the Work Incentive Journey

- Earn up to **\$36,148** per year (2008).
- Even if SSI cash assistance ends,
- Medical Assistance (Medicaid) will continue!

The Sherlock Plan: Enabling Rhode Islanders with Disabilities to Make Work WORTH it!

- Earn up to **\$50,000** per year!
- For those on 1619(b) earning more than **\$36,148** per year, and
- Individuals on SSDI who want to work, Medical Assistance (Medicaid) continues just by paying a low monthly premium.
- Eliminates Medicaid "Flex."
- Start saving for retirement and medical needs without affecting eligibility.
- If your employment ends, you will be covered for up to four months afterwards.
- Benefits include Personal Care Services at work.



Are you ready to take the journey?