



FACT SHEET: Youth in Transition and the Ticket to Work Program

- Today there are almost one million youth under the age of 18 that are receiving SSI. Approximately 70 percent of those youth will receive Tickets from the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program when they turn 18.
- The Ticket to Work Program serves beneficiaries receiving SSI or SSDI who are age 18 or older and have not reached age 65.
- The Ticket to Work Program is completely voluntary. Each eligible youth will automatically receive a Ticket in the mail upon reaching age 18 and remaining on SSI or SSDI after their first CDR under adult criteria.
- As long as the beneficiary has an assigned Ticket and is actively participating, that beneficiary will not have to go through a Medical Continuing Disability Review (CDR).
- The Ticket To Work and Self Sufficiency Program is the first completely outcome-based employment and support services payment system in which the schools can participate.
- The Ticket to Work Program can provide supplemental funding to the schools for 18-21 year old students who receive SSI or SSDI benefits and have been re-determined as eligible for disability benefits as an adult.
- A school that provides services to those beneficiaries that are 18 years of age or older, can apply to become an Employment Network (EN).
- Schools that already collaborate with community agencies in order to provide services to beneficiaries may also collaborate as a partner with an EN and split the EN payments.
- The Ticket can help to offset expenses utilized to provide transition services to beneficiaries receiving SSI or SSDI.
- The assignment of the Ticket requires that the beneficiary be actively involved in the plan. This encourages best practices in transition planning, as the EN will have to meet these outcomes in order to qualify for the Outcome or Milestone payments.
- The beneficiary that receives the Ticket does not have to assign the Ticket immediately but can wait until he/she leaves the school system at age 21.