



Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits (EXR)

2011 Fact Sheet on Work Incentives

Under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act, a safety net is established for SSDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients who have been terminated from SSA's roles due to work. If individuals are unable to work again due to disability, they may apply for a reinstatement of benefits. Through the Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits, you will not have to file a completely new application to begin your benefit check again.

How It Helps You:

If the Social Security Administration has closed your case because of work activity, and you now find you are unable to work again, the Social Security Administration has a 60 month safety net available. With this safety net, you may begin to receive your cash benefit again by completing a short application with the Social Security Administration.

How It Works:

You may request an Expedited Reinstatement of benefits within five years (60 months) after your benefits are terminated due to work activity. You will be eligible for 6 months of provisional benefits (including Medicare and Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage with a premium) while the Social Security Administration is reviewing the continuation of your original disability.

If the Social Security Administration determines that your medical condition does not prevent you from working, the six months of provisional benefits will not be considered as an overpayment. But remember, to qualify for this provision, you must have:

- stopped receiving SSDI due to earnings from work;
- are no longer earning more than the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level (in 2011, \$1,000 per month for people with disabilities or \$1,640 per month for blind beneficiaries);
- are currently unable to earn over SGA due to your disability;
- have the same disability as when you applied initially; and,
- make the request for reinstatement within 60 months (5 years) from the month SSA terminated the previous benefits.

After you have received 24 months of payments, you may be eligible for a new Trial Work Period and a new Extended Period of Eligibility, if you begin working again and cannot earn above the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level (in 2011 the SGA level is \$1,000 in gross countable earnings, or \$1640 for blind individuals).

In some circumstances, it may be more advantageous to file a new application for benefits rather than apply for EXR. A Community Work Incentives Coordinator or a Benefits Information Network Liaison can help you understand more about Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits provisions.

For more information and support on your work incentives, contact:

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