



Under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act, working Medicare Beneficiaries may keep their Medicare coverage for at least 93 months (seven years, nine months) after they complete their Trial Work Period.

Extended Period of Medicare Coverage

2011 Fact Sheet on Work Incentives

How it Helps You:

If you are a Medicare beneficiary, if you continue to have a disability as defined by the Social Security Administration, and you return to work, you can keep your Medicare coverage for at least 93 months after you return to work.

During this Extended Medicare Coverage, you will receive Part A (premium-free hospital insurance) and Part B (elected medical insurance coverage with a monthly premium), and Medicare prescription drug coverage if applicable.

How it Works:

This Medicare coverage applies to you if you are:

- Just starting work,
- Using Trial Work Period months right now,
- Have used up your Trial Work Period and are currently in your 36 months Extended Period of Eligibility,
- Had not completed the 36 months Extended Period of Eligibility before 6/1/2000.

Exactly when the Extended Medicare Coverage begins and ends is determined by when you consistently reach Substantial Gainful Activity.

If your benefits have stopped because of earnings, you contact your local Social Security Administration claims representative to find out exactly when your Extended Period of Medicare Coverage ends.

A Community Work Incentive Coordinator or a Benefits Information Network Liaison can help you understand how this coverage applies to you. Your local Social Security Office can tell you exactly how many months of extended Medicare coverage are available to you.

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

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Work Incentives
Planning and Assistance

In Northern and
Central Indiana:
1-866-646-8161 (toll free)

In Southern Indiana:
1-800-206-6610 (toll free)

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