

**IT PAYS
TO WORK!**

SSI & EMPLOYMENT

**SSI is also known as Supplemental Security Income.
You receive a check monthly from the government when you have SSI.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

How do I know if I have SSI?

If you receive SSI, you also receive your health insurance through TennCare and a cash payment on the first of the month.

Can I go to work and still keep my benefits?

Yes! You will always make more money by working! While there will be a slight reduction in your cash payment, you don't have to choose between benefits and working.

Can I keep my insurance?

Absolutely! The Social Security Administration (SSA) has made it possible for you to keep your insurance even while working.

What if I stop working?

Simply tell the SSA that you stopped working and would like your cash payments to resume.

Can I keep my check when I work?

Yep! Overall, you will make more money when you work! However, you will see a slight deduction in your SSI cash payment if you are working a lot.

I want to work, but I have so many questions. Where do I start?

It's OK! Everyone has questions and fears about starting a new job. Talk to friends and family about their jobs and why they like working. DDA also has Benefits Coordinators that can talk to you one-on-one and help you learn about how work will benefit you.

**For more information, contact the DDA's
Benefits Counseling Program: Scan the
QR code or click the link**



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