



Section 1619b: SSI and Medicaid Coverage 2017 Fact Sheet on Work Incentives

Section 1619b allows individuals who are eligible for SSI to continue to be eligible for Medicaid coverage when their earnings are too high to continue to receive SSI. This work incentive applies to individuals whose earnings are below Kentucky's threshold (currently \$29,954.00 in 2017).

How It Helps You:

If you are eligible for SSI have Medicaid for your health insurance and are employed, 1619b allows you to work and to keep Medicaid coverage without a Medicaid spend-down. You can continue to be eligible for Medicaid coverage until your gross annual income reaches a certain amount (this amount is \$29,954 in 2017). Exceptions to this work incentive are if you no longer need Medicaid, or if you accumulate more than \$2,000 in resources (this is currently Kentucky's Medicaid resource limit).

How It Works:

While you are earning income from work, if you have a disability or are blind, if you need Medicaid in order to work, if you are unable to afford benefits, and you meet all other requirements (such as less than \$2,000 in resources), you are eligible for 1619b Medicaid protection.

You should report your earnings to the Social Security Administration (SSA) monthly. At the time that your SSI cash payments stop due to reaching the Break Even Point (the point when your earnings cause your SSI check to go to zero), the SSA computer will automatically determine eligibility for 1619b, and inform you of your eligibility for this Medicaid protection.

This information will be sent electronically to the local office of the Dept. of Community Based Services (DCBS). However, you should also report your earnings to the caseworker at the DCBS, and inquire about your eligibility for Section 1619b Medicaid continuation when you no longer receive an SSI check due to your earnings.

With 1619b you may still remain eligible for SSI, even though your check has stopped. If you begin earning less than the break even point or are not working again, your SSI check will start again. It is very important to always report your earnings to Social Security each month to have your check adjusted accurately.

A trained Community Work Incentives Coordinator can help you in understanding the conditions to continue with Medicaid coverage under Section 1619b.

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

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