

## Wisconsin DVR and Employment Networks

*Streamlining, Stabilizing and  
Service*

Partnership Opportunities

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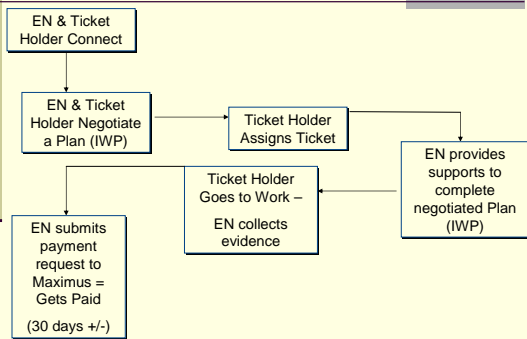
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## How the Ticket Works



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## What We Have Learned

- Mix of benefit payments & earnings
- Self-sufficiency is an incremental, multi-step process
- Part-time work is a good start
- Ongoing supports may be necessary
- Community partnerships work

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## The NEW Ticket Features

- Tickets to all adults beneficiaries
- Increasing beneficiary outreach and education - WISE Events
- Better aligns all programs
  - Ticket to Work
  - Work Incentives
  - Planning & Assistance
  - Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security
  - Other Work Support Initiatives



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## What Does All This Mean for You?

- NEW Ticket to Work will be more profitable for EN
- Ticket to Work can be an additional revenue source

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## The NEW Ticket

- Creates new opportunities for **EN-VR partnerships**

VR Cost Reimbursement payments **and** EN milestone and outcome payments are both possible for the same beneficiary in certain instances.

Under the original TTW program, there are only 16 Wisconsin-based entities registered as an EN.

Wisconsin DVR has 230+ service agreements with public, non-profit and private entities – they are all potential employment networks.

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## Ticket Options for VR agencies

- VR Cost Reimbursement (CR)
  - For those VR consumers who earn enough to go off of their SSI or DI benefit after 9 months of earnings at a SGA level, we are fully reimbursed for the cost of their VR services.
- VR as an Employment Network (EN) – VR can also chose to collect “milestone payments” instead of cost reimbursement.

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## Ticket Partnership Options – VR

Keeping it simple in Wisconsin

1. VR (CR) > EN
2. VR as EN > EN
3. EN > VR(CR) > EN

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## VR’s new EN relationship

- The ticket holder receives services from VR
- After completing VR the ticket holder assigns their ticket to an EN
  - VR can receive payment from SSA
  - EN can receive payments from SSA

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### Option 1: VR(CR) > EN

- VR provides the Ticket holder with services and at 9 mos. of SGA earnings, claims cost reimbursement.
- At case closure, VR offers the consumer a list of ENs with their on-going employment support services
- Consumer selects services and an EN for Ticket assignment
- Partner offers EN services to Ticket holder following completion of the VR services.
- EN collects remaining milestone payments

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### Option 2: VR (EN) + Other EN

- VR provides the Ticket holder with services and at 90 days of employment collects first 2 milestone payments
- At case closure, VR offers the consumer a list of ENs with their on-going employment support services
- Consumer selects services and an EN for Ticket assignment
- EN collects remaining milestone payments

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### Option 3: EN > VR(CR) > EN

- Ticket holder starts services/employment with an EN
- EN refers to VR for additional services
- When ticket holder starts with VR the ticket holder must "inactivate" their ticket with the EN

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### EN > VR(CR) > EN cont'd.

- Ticket holder receives employment supports from the EN following completion of VR
- When the ticket holder completes their VR services they must "re-activate" their ticket with the EN and EN can claim remaining milestone payments (see options 1 and 2)

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### FFY 2007 DVR Employment Profile SSI/DI beneficiaries

- 3,165 Employment outcomes
  - 1091 (35%) SSA beneficiaries
    - 427 (39%) with milestone payment earnings**
      - 229 (54%) entry earnings between \$168 - \$234/week**
        - 76 SSI
        - 118 SSDI
        - 35 SSI/DI
      - 198 (46%) entry earnings @ SGA (\$235+/week)**
        - 84 SSI
        - 87 SSDI
        - 27 SSI/DI

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### Wisconsin EN and VRA Breakdown 2/6/2002 through 3/03/2008

- No. of WI Tickets Issued: 174,353
- Total No. of Tickets Assigned in 5 years: 9,625
- Tickets Assigned to ENs: 291(3%)
  - Tickets Assigned to VR: 9,334 (97%)
    - FFY 2007 = 427 milestone eligible placements
    - 5 yrs. x 427/yr. milestone eligible placements = 2,135
- Potential VR/EN Partnership Plus Ticket assignments = 420+ per year

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## DVR Waiting List July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

- DVR's wait list for persons with "significant disabilities" could be as high as 8,000 with a wait period as long as 6 months
- As many as 2,000 individuals who are wait listed will be SSA beneficiaries
- Some of these individuals may be appropriately referred to an EN for employment services
- If served successfully and employed and if they do not need VR services, the EN can claim all milestone payments (See SSA recovery rate charts)
- If served successfully by the EN and VR and employed, option 3 partnership (EN > VR > EN) is viable.

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## Where to Get Your RFP

<http://www.ssa.gov/work/RFP-07-0010F.doc>



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## Need Help Understanding the EN Application Process and Completing the RFP?

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