



Ticket to Work DVR Partnership Plus Approach

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- DVR plans to continue cost reimbursement recovery for SGA+ wage earners.
- DVR also plans to add EN recovery for milestones 1 & 2 (90 days of employment) for trial work wage earners.



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- The counselor will determine at the time of plan development whether to elect cost reimbursement or the EN recovery option for the VR consumer.
- That determination will be based on:
 - Vocational counseling during plan development and the consumer's stated wage goal relative to SGA earnings.
 - As appropriate, benefit analysis or vocational assessment information forecasting capacity for weekly hours and earnings.



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- The Ticket has a cash value and belongs to the beneficiary until it ages out (5 years).
- The beneficiary can assign and unassign their Ticket at will when not being served by DVR.
- DVR will not pursue EN agreements but will encourage:
 - Wisconsin EN development and timely dovetailing of pre and post VR services by ENs



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- DVR will encourage beneficiaries to understand the cash value and use of their ticket.
- DVR will provide the Wisconsin list of ENs and their services to consumers at the time of OOS wait listing and at the time of closure.



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- All SSA beneficiaries are eligible for DVR services and placed in category 2
- The counselor and the consumer will meet and an OOS determination will be made.
- DVR serves about 10,000 SSA beneficiaries a year.



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- In Federal Fiscal Year 2008 (September 1, 2007 October 30, 2008 WI DVR closed 280 SSA Consumers at Trial work wage level and 253 at SGA.)
- DVR has claimed milestone payments 1 & 2 for 25 consumers closed at trial work wage from the period July 21-December 31, 2008



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- Training on the new Ticket to Work regulations was provided to all staff in July-September of 2008
- Key policy aspects of the training
 - Services will be focused on assisting SSA beneficiaries to achieve self-supporting employment defined as working at Trial Work wage level (\$700/mo) or SGA (\$980/mo).
 - Tickets will be considered “in-use SVR” while the consumer has an open case with DVR. We send monthly information electronically to Maximus of all initial IPE’s and closures of SSA consumers.



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- DVR will request the consumer assign their Ticket to DVR when their goal is to be employed at trial work wage level.
- Meeting and reporting Ticket to Work timely progress requirements is the responsibility of the consumer but can also be incorporated into the IPE at the consumers request.



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- When the consumer is notified they will be activated from the wait-list, the counselor and consumer will discuss the services they are receiving from an EN if any, and determine if those services are still needed. If so, then DVR may purchase those services from the EN if they are on our vendor list.



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- At closure, counselors will discuss with the consumer their need for follow along services to maintain employment.
- Counselors will also provide the consumer with a list of Wisconsin ENS and the services they provide.