CONCERNED ABOUT HOW WORKING MIGHT AFFECT YOUR BENEFITS?
TOP TEN REASONS TO KNOW ABOUT THE WORK INCENTIVES NETWORK!

10. In Section 8 or public housing?
No rent increase for 1 year after the day you start working; in the 2nd year only one-half of earnings count towards a rent increase.
This is called *Earned Income Disregard*

9. Are you legally blind?
Keep some or all of your SSI check when you work.
This is called *Blind Work Expense*

8. Are you a student under the age of 22?
Attend school regularly and you are can keep some or all of your SSI check when working.
This is called *Student Earned Income Exclusion*

7. Do you get Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and want to try working?
Keep your entire check for about 9 months while working no matter how much you earn.
This is called *Trial Work Period*

6. Do you get SSDI and don’t want to lose your eligibility?
Keep your eligibility status for a 3 year period if you work too much to receive a cash check.
This is called *Extended Period of Eligibility*

5. Do you get SSDI or SSI?
Keep your SSDI check; or keep more of your SSI check when you work.
This is called *Impairment Related Work Expense*

4. Do you need help paying for things to reach your work goal?
Get SSI to cover your living expenses while using your money to pursue your vocational goal.
This is called *Plan for Achieving Self Support*

3. Do you get SSI and don’t want to lose medical coverage?
Earn less than $30,367.00 (non-Blind) a year and you keep your Medicaid coverage.
This is called *Medicaid Rule 1619b*

2. Do you get SSI and earn over the 1619b limit?
Buy into Medicaid if you have $5,000 or less in resources and earn under $4,599 a month.
This is called *Employed Persons with Disabilities Program*

1. Worried about figuring all this out by yourself?
You don’t have to!
*The Work Incentives Network (WIN)* is a free service with professionals all over Oregon who are ready to help you maintain critical benefits and have more money in your pocket when you work!

*When you work, you WIN, so call your local WIN staff TODAY!*

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