

I Can Work

Times have changed.

California's employment landscape is changing too ...

... Today workers and job seekers with disabilities can work and keep their health coverage.

... Today workers and job seekers who rely on Medi-Cal or Medicare services can earn much more money and keep that health coverage.

... Workers with disabilities can access available employer health coverage like anyone else, if they have had coverage before the new job.

... Today workers with disabilities may use personal assistance services at work as well as at home.

"We are trying to get rid of the idea that there is something inconsistent between benefits and work."

Deputy Commissioner Martin Gerry,
Social Security Administration, 2004

The California Health Incentives Improvement Project (CHIIP) partners with the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to increase and improve access to employment, health care, and personal assistance services for workers and job seekers with disabilities.



www.chiip.org
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Request this information in alternate formats or languages by calling 916-654-2561.

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What about **earning enough** to pay the **bills**?

- Need health care?
- Need employment services?
- Need benefits?
- Need information you can trust?

Life situations and benefits planning . . .



- I have a disability. How can I work and keep my health care coverage?
- I am finishing school and ready for work. Can I use my computer screen reader at my new job?



- How do I return to work if I've been out of the workforce for so long?

- I could take this job if I knew how to keep my personal assistance services.



Community-based benefits planners and Web resources are available at no cost to explain how work and benefits can work for you.

Resources

BENEFITS and HEALTH CARE

Disability Benefits 101
working with a disability in California
www.disabilitybenefits101.org

Plain language information and resources on health, benefits, work, and personal assistance services.

California Benefits Planning Assistance & Outreach locations

www.vcu-arc.org/Region9/ca.html

List of local and regional benefits planners.

California Foundation for Independent Living Centers

www.cfilc.org

916-325-1690 Voice

916-325-1695 TTY

Some Independent Living Centers provide benefits planning services.

The Work Site from Social Security

www.ssa.gov/work/

Getting started with Social Security work rules.

County Offices for Health and Social Services

For online Medi-Cal applications, go to:

www.dhs.ca.gov/mcs/medi-calhome

For information on In-home Supportive Services (IHSS) Applications, contact your local county office.

For a local office, call the Medi-Cal Beneficiary Unit at 916-636-1980 (Voice); or toll free 866-784-2595 (TTY).

Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security

www.pai-ca.org

Toll Free 800-776-5746 Voice

Toll Free 800-649-0154 TTY (Oakland)

Toll Free 800-576-9269 TTY (San Diego)

Toll Free 800-719-5798 TTY (Sacramento)

Toll Free 800-781-4546 TTY (Los Angeles)

Advocacy and information services.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

One Stop Career Centers

www.servicelocator.org

Job preparation and placement services at sites near you.

Employment Development Department

www.edd.ca.gov/eddpwd.htm

Job search, training and individualized support through federal and state-funded programs. Contact the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities at 800-695-0350 (Voice); 916-654-9820 (TTY).

Social Security's Ticket to Work Program

www.yourtickettowork.com/

Employment services for Social Security beneficiaries.

Toll Free 866-968-7842 Voice

Toll Free 866-883-2967 TTY

California Department of Rehabilitation

916-263-7365 Voice

916-263-7477 TTY

www.dor.ca.gov

Assessment, information and referral, training, job search help and placement, counseling and guidance, assistive technology and independent living services.