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## Some myths about working with SSI

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### **If I work, I will lose my SSI.**

**Not true.**

*If you make more than \$85 in a month, your SSI payment will be adjusted. Simply put, for every two dollars I earn (over \$85), one dollar is taken out of my SSI. (Remember, you will always make more than SSI alone if you choose to work!)*

### **I will lose Medi-Cal if I choose to work.**

**Not true!**

*You will not lose your Medi-Cal coverage. However, if you make more than \$1,775 in a month, you may have to begin paying a small amount to keep your coverage.*

### **If I lose SSI, I will never get it back.**

**Completely false!**

*Again, I would have to make more than \$1,775 per month before my SSI would be reduced to zero. If I were to lose hours or my job, I would receive SSI as already explained.*

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**If you have more questions about SSI and working, you can:**

- Talk to your local SSA office Benefits Planner.
- Talk to your Regional Center Case Manager.
- Talk to your Support Program staff.
- Visit [www.db101.org](http://www.db101.org).

## Employment is a winning option!!!



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## Working with SSI:



## How it all balances out!

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A consumer's guide to understanding SSI  
when choosing to work!

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In the past, the government was a bit mixed up about people working while getting SSI.

However...

## THINGS HAVE CHANGED!!

The government has done their best to set up a system so that -

*everyone who wants to work, can work!*

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### What is SSI?

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- SSI is also called Supplemental Security Income.
- People with Developmental Disabilities usually can (or already do) receive SSI each month.
- SSI comes from tax money and helps to make sure people with Developmental Disabilities live quality lives of their choosing.
- In 2009, the most a single person could get from SSI was \$845 per month.

If you choose to work, everything can be broken down by how much you make:

I earn under \$85 per month	I earn over \$85 per month
Nothing will be deducted from my monthly SSI!	One dollar will be taken out of my SSI for every two dollars made!

If I choose to work and make more than \$85 per month, I would have to earn over \$1,775 monthly to reduce my SSI payment to zero.

So, in both cases...



I will ALWAYS make more than SSI alone if I choose to work!!!