
Some myths about working with SSI

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.

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.

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Working with SSI:



How it all balances out!

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

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!

What is SSI?

- 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!!!