



***Did you know* dialysis patients can work and still keep their Social Security Benefits?**

Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Organizations can:

- Answer your questions about how part-time, full-time, or seasonal work would affect your individual disability benefits and other benefits you may receive from Federal, State and local programs.
- Respond to your questions about how work would affect your health care.
- Assist with your questions about SSA work incentives and work incentives of other programs.
- Discuss your individual employment goals, including possible barriers and the resources or services you would need to overcome any barriers. A WIPA can also help you find those resources and services.
- Help you plan how to use work incentives or other benefits for a successful return to work.

What are some of the other benefits to working?

People who remain active *in* work are more likely to be transplanted and to keep their transplants longer

Fewer barriers to healthcare, like paying for medicines or medical co-pays

Higher income to pay bills and be involved in activities

You are less likely to become depressed

Improved self-esteem

Social opportunities

Increased independence

Insurance coverage

- To locate a WIPA project nearest you, call 866-968-7842 (TTY 866-833-2967). You can also find a list with contact information at <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/oesp/providers.nsf/bystate>
- For more information on how you can continue to have an active lifestyle:
 - If you are on dialysis, talk with your social worker
 - FMQAI: The Florida ESRD Network (Network 7) has links and tools for download at www.fmqai.com or patients can call 800-826-3773