

“How Will Returning to Work Affect My Medicaid Coverage?”

2018 FACTSHEET

Section 1619(b) of the Social Security Act provides Medicaid coverage for individuals who are eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) when earnings are too high to receive SSI. This work incentive is for individuals whose earnings are below Nevada’s 2017 threshold of \$32,246.

If you have been eligible for a SSI cash payment before, and you still meet all the requirements for SSI, you will keep Medicaid coverage as long as you need the coverage to work and have earnings and savings below a certain amount; even though you no longer actually receive an SSI payment.

- For 2017 in the State of Nevada, the maximum amount of income you were allowed to earn, and still retain Medicaid coverage, was \$32,246.
- For blind individuals, the maximum income you could earn while still qualifying for continued Medicaid coverage was \$33,995.

You are eligible for 1619(b) if you:

- Have earnings from employment,
- You have a disability, or are blind,
- Need Medicaid to work,
- Meet all other requirements.

You should report your earnings to the Social Security Administration (SSA) monthly.

Social Security should notify you of Medicaid eligibility under 1619(b) when you are no longer eligible for SSI cash payments due to reaching the Break Even Point (the point where your earnings cause your SSI check to go to zero). However, it is important to track and report your own earnings to the SSA, and to inform the SSA if you believe you should be eligible for a benefit like Section 1619(b) Medicaid.

If you have any questions or would like more information about 1619(b) Medicaid Eligibility, please contact the Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC) WIPA coordinator at: 877-890-5082.

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