

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY MEDICAID WHEN I GO TO WORK?

Continued Medicaid Eligibility - Section 1619 (b)

This incentive continues Medicaid coverage for most working SSI beneficiaries even after earnings become too high to allow a cash benefit. To qualify for this incentive the person must:

- ☺ Have been eligible for SSI cash payment for a least one month.
- ☺ Still meet the disability requirement.
- ☺ Meet the Medicaid “needs” test.
- ☺ Have GROSS annual earned income less than the current state "threshold amount" (KY = \$29,954 in 2017).
- ☺ Have countable unearned income of less than the current FBR and resources under the current limit for SSI recipients.

What does the 1619 (b) provision do?

- ☺ Enables people who are ineligible for continued Medicaid coverage because earnings exceed the threshold amount to get SSI cash payments again if earnings fall below the break-even point within twelve months.
- ☺ Allows people who are ineligible for continued Medicaid coverage because earnings exceed the threshold amount to regain Medicaid eligibility if earnings drop below the threshold amount within twelve months.
- ☺ Allows eligible 1619(b) recipients to get a SSI cash payment at any time earnings fall below the break-even point.
- ☺ Enables people to maintain eligibility for SSI cash payments or continued Medicaid coverage after a period of ineligibility without filing a new application.