

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for BenePLAN Services?

Any individual who is:

- « Receiving public benefits due to disability
- « Working, seeking work, or planning to work

Who can contact a CWIC?

- « Individuals
- « State agencies
- « Service providers
- « Family members

How can I contact a BenePLAN CWIC?

Call toll-free: 1-877-YES-WORK (937-9675)

What happens to my benefits when I go to work?

Every person's situation is different. CWICs provide a long-term benefits management roadmap to help individuals understand what happens and to make the best decisions for themselves.

How does BenePLAN assist young people?

- « Helps students and parents navigate the transition from school to work
- « Offers easy to understand trainings
- « Assists young people on Social Security benefits to utilize work incentives

Is the service confidential?

Yes. All information is kept strictly confidential.

Can I meet with a CWIC more than once?

Yes. Ongoing assistance is available as needed.

"BenePLAN is an excellent link between a beneficiary and SSA, providing much needed information, feedback, and recommendations. Much appreciated!"



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To learn more about BenePLAN or to locate a Community Work Incentives Coordinator in your area, call Toll Free: 1-877-YES-WORK (937-9675) or visit our website at www.beneplan.org

To learn more about Work Without Limits, visit www.workwithoutlimits.org.



"BenePLAN gave me the precise resources, clarity and support I needed for moving towards getting off SSDI which is what I want!"



BenePLAN
making work possible

You can work – let BenePLAN show you how!



BenePLAN is a work incentives benefits counseling, training and technical assistance service and a program of Work Without Limits at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Services are available throughout Massachusetts, and are offered in both English and Spanish.

About BenePLAN

BenePLAN helps people understand how earning wages impacts public benefits so they have the information they need to make informed decisions about going to work.

Public benefits that may be affected include Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), MassHealth and Medicare as well as others.

The BenePLAN team consists of certified Community Work Incentive Coordinators (CWICs) who possess extensive experience in both employment and public benefits. BenePLAN CWICs assist individuals who want to go to work or increase their earnings without jeopardizing their benefits.

CWICs

- « Help you understand how working and earning wages will affect your public benefits
- « Provide ongoing assistance to help you manage your benefits as you transition into employment or increase your earnings
- « Provide information on available education, training, and employment services
- « Help develop and implement PASS Plans and other work incentives that assist you to achieve your employment goal

What Can BenePLAN Do for You?

- « Provide timely, accurate and easy to understand information
- « Answer questions about various state and federal benefit programs
- « Explain which work incentives you may be eligible to receive
- « Explain how your benefits will be affected when you go to work
- « Provide information on various employment-related resources that can assist you to reach your employment goal

