

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME WORK INCENTIVES, cont. . .

- *Property Essential to Self-Support (PESS)* - SSA does not count some resources that are essential to means of self-support.
- *Subsidy and Special Conditions* - SSA will consider the existence of a subsidy and/or special conditions when they make a Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) decision. SSA uses only earnings that represent the real value of the work performed to decide if the work is at the SGA level.
- *Special SSI Payments for Individuals Who Work* - Under Section 1619(a) an individual can receive SSI cash payments even when earned income is at the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level.
- *Reinstating SSI Eligibility Without a New Application* - If an individual has been ineligible for a SSI payment due to work, SSA may be able to restart SSI cash payment again at any time without a new application.
- *Special Benefits for Individuals Eligible under 1619 Who Enter a Medical Facility* - If the individual is working and eligible under section 1619, they may receive an SSI cash benefit for up to 2 months while in a Medicaid facility or a public medical or psychiatric facility.
- *Medicaid While Working under Section 1619(b)* - After the individual returns to work, their Medicaid coverage can continue, even if their earnings become too high for an SSI cash payment.
- If SSI is not received because of excess income or resources, deducting impairment-related work expenses may help an individual to qualify for SSI.
- Often a person has to pay for the work-related services and items (including AT) over a period of time. Many vendors require the full payment at the time of purchase. Therefore, a person may want to borrow money under the Alternative Financing Program (AFP) and deduct the payments as an IRWE or incorporate the payments as a PASS. Contact ABLE Tech for more information by calling (888) 885-5588.