

# 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 at least one month
- Still meet the disability requirement
- Still meet all other eligibility rules including the resource test
- Need Medicaid in order to work
- Have GROSS annual earned income that is insufficient to replace SSI, Medicaid, and any publicly funded attendant care. The South Dakota state “threshold amount” is \$53,022 in 2025.

## What does the 1619 (b) provision do?

- Maintains SSI eligibility
- Allows Medicaid coverage to continue when earnings (alone or in combination with other income) become too high to allow an SSI payment
- Allows eligible recipients to receive SSI cash payment if earnings fall below the applicable break-even point

## Resources:

- Social Security Administration  
[www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/1619b.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/1619b.htm)  
[www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-medicaid.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-medicaid.htm)