

EXPEDITED REINSTATEMENT & SSDI

Expedited Reinstatement (EXR)

Expedited Reinstatement (EXR) is a post-termination work incentive and is the third phase of SSDI work incentives. This means that even after SSA has terminated your eligibility for cash benefits because of your earnings, SSA will watch for the next 5 years to ensure that you are successful. If your work effort stops or your earnings drop below “**substantial gainful activity**” (**SGA**) during these 5 years you can request **EXR** and be almost immediately put back on benefits for a 6 month **provisional benefits period** while SSA determines if you can be reinstated. It is important to know that if you are denied reinstate, the **provisional benefits** will never become an overpayment and your date of filing for **EXR** will automatically become a new application for benefits.

Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE)

Once your **Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE)** ends, your cash benefits will be terminated if your income rises above the **SGA** level. This termination month is also the month that the **EXR** period begins. If your work effort continues successfully you may never need **EXR**, but is there for 5 years to act as a safety net.

To be eligible for **EXR**, your earnings must drop below the **SGA** level because of the medical condition that allow your previous eligibility or some medical condition closely related to it. Since SSDI has no resource limits, any savings, or other resources, that you have at the time will not be considered.

The application will be filed with SSA and **provisional benefits** will begin as early as the following month. During the 6 month provisional benefit period, SSA will determine if you are eligible for reinstatement. If so, you will receive the same benefits you received before termination, the same Medicare healthcare and any dependents who may be eligible at the time will also receive cash payments.

Work does not need to stop. It may be that your medical condition caused a drop in earnings below **SGA** but you will soon be able to return to work above this level. When you earn above **SGA** during the **EXR** 5 year period, you will NOT receive and SSDI check (nor will your dependents). However, once you are paid 24 cash payments you will become entitled to a new



Trial Work Period, Extended Period of Eligibility and EXR safety net. Basically, the entire work incentive cycle begins again.

EXR should help alleviate fears that you may have to wait years to have a new application processed if your work efforts slow down or stop. Now, **EXR** will be available should this happen.

Always, contact a Benefits Planner to determine how **EXR** may help you through a period of work slowdown or stoppage.

For More Information Please Visit:

www.mdtransitions.org

Did You Know?

You can receive benefits/work incentive counseling as part of PreETS from DORS? For more info on DORS and PreETS from DORS [CLICK HERE](#)

Not eligible for DORS? Try Ticket to Work Helpline: [TICKET](#)

For individuals not eligible/able to access benefits counseling through DORS, contact Ticket to Work Helpline at

1-866-968-7842 DMitchell@innow.org or
visit <http://www.innow.org/md-win/ssi.html>

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