

# Reporting Wages Quick Guide

## When to Report

### For Title II

- When starting work
- When stopping work
- When earnings high enough to use TWP months (\$880 per month in 2019), or when working at least 80 hours per month in self-employment (which also uses TWP months), until all 9 TWP months used up
- After TWP, when pre-tax earnings first reach SGA level (\$1,220 per month if not blind; \$2,040 per month if blind in 2019) (also report work incentive use)
- After TWP, when countable earnings go above or below SGA (also report work incentive use)

When earnings will affect work phase or benefit status (use TWP months; go above or below SGA after TWP) – Request work review

### For SSI

- When starting work
- When stopping work
- For wage employment – every month of work
- For self-employment – provide projection of annual NESE at start of each year; submit revised estimate when NESE change enough during year to significantly change SSI payment amount; submit annual tax returns

**Generally, report by 6<sup>th</sup> day of following calendar month**

### For DHHS Benefits (Medicaid, Medicare Savings Programs, Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy)

- When starting work
- When stopping work
- When changing employers
- When work hours change by 5 hours per week or more
- When hourly wage changes

**Report within 10 calendar days after first paycheck reflecting change**

# **How to Report**

## **For Title II**

### When Work Starts

- Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or local office, or
- Send a letter to local Social Security office, or
- Visit local Social Security office

### After Initial Work Report

- Mail, deliver or (if SSA recommends) fax pay stubs to local Social Security office (for wage employment) (NOTE: Pay stubs are only required during a work review, but they help verify wages accurately, so a person can submit pay stubs to document wage changes between work reviews.), or
- Use myWageReport through My Social Security account (for wage employment) (NOT for first report when job starts), or
- Mail, deliver or (if SSA recommends) fax a projection of annual NESE at the start of each year, and (if necessary) a revised estimate during the year (for self-employment), and
- Mail, deliver or (if SSA recommends) fax annual tax returns (for self-employment)

Request work reviews, when needed, by phone, mail or in person

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- Use myWageReport through My Social Security account (for wage employment - NOT for first report when job starts), or
- Use SSI telephone wage reporting (for wage employment - NOT for first report)

- Use SSI mobile wage reporting (for wage employment - NOT for first report)
- Mail, deliver or (if SSA recommends) fax a projection of annual NESE at the start of each year, and (if necessary) a revised estimate during the year (for self-employment), and
- Mail, deliver or (if SSA recommends) fax annual tax returns (for self-employment)

### **For DHHS Benefits**

- Use MI Bridges system on line or by phone
- Call DHHS Caseworker
- Use Change Report Form (DHS 2440)
- Report in person at local DHHS office