

Returning to Work: Expedited Reinstatement (EXR)

2021 Tip Sheet

If you receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits; you should learn about your Expedited Reinstatement (EXR) Period

What It Means to You:

The **Expedited Reinstatement (EXR)** Period begins once you have completed your 36-months of Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE) **and** you earn above the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level for that year. If you complete your EPE and earn SGA level or more; your benefits can be terminated.

However; you enter into a 60-month or 5 year period of time in which you have a “safety net” **if** your income decreases. This safety net allows an individual to have their Social Security Disability Benefits (SSDI) reinstated **without** having to do a new application for benefits.

How It Works:

You may request an **Expedited Reinstatement (EXR)** of your benefits and will be eligible for 6 months of provisional (temporary) benefits while the Social Security Administration reviews your file for the continuation of your original disability. In order to be eligible for the **Expedited Reinstatement (EXR)** your benefits; the following conditions **must** be met:

- **You stopped receiving SSDI due to earnings from work;**
- **You are no longer working at the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level or more. In 2021; that is level is: \$1,310 (non-blind) and \$2,190 (blind)**
- **You have the same (or related) disability as when you applied initially; and**
- **You make the request for reinstatement within 60 months (5 years) from the month or termination of benefits.**

If the Social Security Administration determines that your medical condition does not prevent you from working, the 6 months of provisional benefits will **not** be considered as an overpayment.

If you have questions about if you have used your EXR, how many months you have left or any other questions regarding how work impacts your SSDI benefits or the Ticket to Work program; **contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or Brian Dennis at 515-725-3666 or via email Brian.Dennis@iwd.iowa.gov.**