











Did you know dialysis patients can work & still keep their Social Security Benefits?

Work Incentives Planning & Assistance (WIPA) Organizations can:

- ◆ Answer your questions about how part-time, full-time, or seasonal work would affect your individual disability benefits and other benefits you may receive from Federal, State and local programs.
- ◆ Respond to your questions about how work would affect your health care.
- ◆ Assist with your questions about SSA work incentives and work incentives of other programs.
- ◆ Discuss your individual employment goals, including possible barriers and the resources or services you would need to overcome any barriers. A WIPA can also help you find those resources and services.
- ◆ Help you plan how to use work incentives or other benefits for a successful return to work.

What are some of the other benefits to working?

-  People who remain active *in* work are more likely to be transplanted + to keep their transplants longer
-  Fewer barriers to healthcare, like paying for medicines or medical co-pays
 -  Higher income to pay bills and be involved in activities
 -  You are less likely to become depressed
 -  Increased independence
 -  Social opportunities
 -  Improved self-esteem
 -  Insurance coverage

To locate a WIPA project nearest you:

- ◆ Call 866-968-7842 (TTY 866-833-2967)
- ◆ You can also find a list with contact information at <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/oesp/providers.nsf/bystate>

For more information on how you can continue to have an active lifestyle:

- ◆ If you are on dialysis, talk with your social worker
- ◆ Northwest Renal Network (Network 16) has links and tools for download at www.nwrenalnetwork.org or patients can call 800-262-1514