



# Support Broker Training Q & A

## Working While Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) – What You Need to Know

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Question	Answer
Does a person need to apply to these incentives ? or need approval from SS to participate?	Student Earned Income Exclusion -SSA needs to be aware that the person meets the criteria as a student. IRWEs need to be submitted and approved by SSA. PASS requires an application.
Can a person open both a Pre- Plan and an ABLE account?	Contact <a href="https://mynyable.org">mynyable.org</a> for guidance.
Question about rental liability: Does one have to account for the balance of SSI after rent ? On what items this can be used ?	Visit <a href="#">EN-05-10097.pdf (ssa.gov)</a> for an Social Security Administration (SSA) brochure explaining the responsibilities of a Representative Payee and what funds can be used for.
"Regarding Social Security Disability at what point is the person penalized. "	SSDI -Once the Trial Work Period is over, SSA will review and make a determination as to whether or not the person is over Substantial Gainful Activity (2024-\$1550). Remember, subsidies and special conditions, and IRWEs may apply.

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<p>Continuing on the rental question: I meant the 943 - 450(rental) = 493. On what items, services, etc. can this 493 can be use other than food and shelter, and does it have to be accounted for?</p>	<p>Visit <a href="#">EN-05-10097.pdf (ssa.gov)</a> for an Social Security Administration (SSA) brochure explaining the responsibilities of a Representative Payee and what funds can be used for.</p>
<p>So the goal is to eventually become self sufficient with PASS?</p>	<p>Yes. The goal of a PASS is for the person to become self sufficient.</p>
<p>Is there an email where we can write to if there are any follow up questions?</p>	<p>For individuals receiving Care Management, you may contact the individual's Care Manager and request assistance from their Benefits and Entitlement Specialist.</p>
<p>What is the best way to handle families with trepidation of their loved one losing SSI benefits due to working. That's a big concern now a days.</p>	<p>For individuals receiving Care Management, you may contact the individual's Care Manager and request a meeting with their Benefits and Entitlement Specialist to discuss these concerns.</p>
<p>Would a new person be able to choose their own independent broker? (for php)</p>	<p>Yes. As long as the Support Broker is in our network OR agrees to accept payment from PHP.</p>

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As a provider how do we identify a self-directed person?	If a person is self-directing, their support broker and FI will be listed on their LifePlan.
How old does a person need to be to apply for PHP Insurance?	A person 21 years old or older at the time of enrollment. Visit <a href="https://phpcares.org">How to Enroll - Partners Health Plan (phpcares.org)</a> to learn more PHP benefits, as well as the enrollment process and requirements.



## Thank you for joining us!

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Visit our website for more information about Self-Direction with Partners Health Plan, and for other helpful resources for Support Brokers and Fiscal Intermediaries:

[Self Direction with PHP - Partners Health Plan \(phpcares.org\)](http://phpcares.org)

