IX. Trial Work Period (TWP) Analysis

This section applies to SSDI recipients only. To complete this section, it may be necessary to develop a comprehensive, month-by-month, history of work and wages since the consumer first started collecting SSDI benefits. This can be done on the attached “Notes” pages or on a separate document. Also, if the person is self-employed you may need to discuss what constitutes a trial work month. NOTE: The minimum gross wages for a TWP “services month” was $200 from 1/90 to 12/00; $530 during calendar year 2001; $560 during calendar year 2002; $570 during calendar year 2003; and will be $580 during calendar year 2004.

Date when first received SSDI?
Has person worked and earned more than TWP amount in any month(s) since first receipt of SSDI? __ yes __ no
   If no, full nine-month TWP available.
   If yes, continue through questions.

Did person use up nine TWP months before 1/1/92? 
   If yes, no TWP available unless SSDI terminated, eligibility re-established after new application and new five-month waiting period.

If person did not exhaust TWP before 1/1/92
   Work nine TWP months during 60-month period which ended after 1/1/92? __ yes __ no
      If yes, TWP exhausted.

If less than nine TWP months during 60-month period, list each TWP month during past 60 months. For each, list month, year and gross wages earned. [Note: In many cases, will have to obtain information from SSA. This information is now available through the Benefits Planning Query or BPQY, which can be requested from SSA.]

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Based on information, how many TWP months left?
XII. Health Insurance Needs

Health insurance coverage, check each that is available:

___ Medicaid
Amount of spend down, if any:
If enrolled in a Buy-In program, amount of premium, if any:
(Note: Not every state will have a Medicaid spend down or Medicaid Buy-In program.)

___ Medicare
___ Part A (hospitalization)
___ Part B (outpatient)
Does individual pay Part B premium? __ yes __ no
Discuss availability of Medicaid payment of Part B premium

___ Private insurance
Monthly/quarterly/yearly premium paid by individual:

___ Other, please describe:
Total out-of-pocket expenses for spend downs, premiums:
Monthly: Yearly:

Special Medicaid categories

If not eligible for Medicaid, or receive Medicaid with a spend down:
Did you receive SSI in the past? __ yes __ no
Section 1619(b) eligibility:
Did you lose SSI due to wages? __ yes __ no
If yes, go through 1619(b) eligibility work up.

Medicaid eligibility under SSDI/DAC, SSDI for widows/widowers, Pickle Amendment provisions:
Did you lose SSI due to receipt of some form of Social Security benefits? __ yes __ no
If yes, please describe:
Go through work up for special eligibility categories.

If your state has a Medicaid Buy-In and individual is not otherwise eligible for Medicaid or for Medicaid with a spend down, screen for buy-in eligibility.
XIII. Analysis of Impairment Related Work Expenses

*Remember three-part criteria for IRWE: Individual must pay expense in question; Item/expense must be related to disability; and, Individual could not work if he or she did not receive item or service.*

Transportation IRWE
   Nature of item/service:
   How related to disability and work:
   Monthly cost:

Medication IRWE
   Nature of item/service:
   How related to disability and work:
   Monthly cost:

Health insurance IRWE (premiums, co-payments, deductibles)
   *(Note: Current SSA policy allows IRWE deductions for co-payments and deductibles, but not for premiums.)*
   Nature of item/service:
   How related to disability and work:
   Monthly cost:

Other IRWEs (check each that applies and describe below):
   ☐ attendant care at home    ☐ attendant care at work    ☐ medical devices
   ☐ prosthetic devices        ☐ work related equipment
   ☐ residential modification to work away from home
   ☐ residential modifications to work at home

Other # 1
   Nature of item/service:
   How related to disability and work:
   Monthly cost:

Other # 2
   Nature of item/service:
   How related to disability and work:
   Monthly cost:
BENEFITS SCREENING PROFILE
A SAMPLE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Interviewer: Connie Michaels
Date of Interview(s): 9/24/06
Was the Client/Consumer Interviewed? X yes ___ no
Other Person(s) Interviewed:

Mark Sanders, Rehabilitation Counselor, ABC Rehab, Inc.

Initial Questions Presented:

Has been working for nearly 2 years. Is she still entitled to SSDI? Was she entitled to checks she got during past 2 years?

I. Personal Demographics

Name: Anne Perreault
Social Security #: 000-00-0000
Address: Anywhere
County of residence: Local
State of residence: USA
Date of birth: 7/2/65

Type of residence, check one:

X Home, apartment
___ Group home
___ Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)
___ Hospital
___ Other, please describe:

Home phone: 888-8888
Work phone: 999-9999 (emergency calls only)
Fax: N/A
E-mail: N/A

Residential placement funding (specify):

Married / single / divorced Name of spouse: N/A
Names, ages of children: Jill Perreault, age 20 (also lives in Buffalo)
Living arrangements:

Live alone? X yes __ no
Live with children? ___ yes __ no
Share expenses? ___ yes __ no
Live with spouse? ___ yes __ no
Live with roommate? ___ yes __ no
Earned Income / Wages:

- X employed by others  ___ self-employed

Monthly gross amount: $850, expected to temporarily increase to $1,400

Weekly gross amount:

Bi-weekly gross amount:

If wages vary, please explain:

October, November and December 2006 will be busy season.

Other income in household: N/A

Spouse, describe form and amount:

Children, describe form and amount:
VIII. Employment Information

Name, address of employer or potential employer:

Quality Mailers, Inc., 239 Swan Street, Buffalo, New York 14203

Describe job (or potential job)

Title: Bulk Mail Specialist
Duties: Ensure that mail is properly sorted, coded, and bagged for delivery to Post Office.
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:30 to 3:30
Salary/hourly wage: $8.50/hour
Benefits: Only benefits required by law, plus one week’s vacation. No health insurance, no sick days.

Date you started working (as employee): January 2006
How job was found? Placed by ABC Rehab
Found on own: __ yes X no
Agency helped find job, describe:

Placement following success at similar position within ABC Rehab.

If self employed (or potentially self employed)
Describe business: N/A
Date started:

Was job selected because of limits of disability? X yes __ no
If yes, please explain:

Employer has hired other persons with disabilities, was expected to make allowances for Anne’s disability.

Any extra or special supervision on job? __ yes X no
If yes, describe:

Is this a “supported employment” position? X yes __ no
Agency sponsoring job:
Is there a job coach? X yes __ no
Name: Jerry Greene
Hours per month:
13 hours per month, January – March 2006

Services performed:
Acclimate to job; develop strategies to work around limitations associated with disability.

How long will job coach remain in picture? Stopped after 3 months.

Does government agency (i.e., other than employer) pay all or part of wage?
__ yes  X no

Please describe:

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<td>J.C. Penny Cheektowaga, N.Y.</td>
<td>Sales Clerk</td>
<td>Wait on customers run cash register</td>
<td>$5/hour</td>
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<td>Kelly Services Buffalo, N.Y.</td>
<td>Temporary secretary jobs</td>
<td>General office</td>
<td>$5 to $7/hr.</td>
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<td>General Accounting, Inc.</td>
<td>Secretary</td>
<td>Typing, filing, Telephone, make Appointments</td>
<td>$14,000/yr.</td>
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Briefly describe any past attempts at self-employment: N/A
IX. Trial Work Period (TWP) Analysis

Date when first received SSDI?

January 1998

Has person worked and earned more than $200 in any month(s) since first receipt of SSDI?

X yes __ no

If no, full nine-month TWP available.

If yes, continue through questions.

Did person use up nine TWP months before 1/1/92?

No

If yes, no TWP available unless SSDI terminated, eligibility re-established after new application and new five-month waiting period.

If person did not exhaust TWP before 1/1/92

Work nine TWP months during 60-month period which ended after 1/1/92?

X yes __ no

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Based on information, how many TWP months left?
XI. EXPEDITED REINSTATEMENT (EXR)

A. Has individual received SSDI benefits in the past?
   X yes __ no
   If no, stop and go on to B.
   If yes, continue.

   Did individual lose SSDI due to performance of SGA?
   X yes __ no
   If no, stop and go to B.
   If yes, continue.

   Has individual completed their TWP and EPE?
   __ yes X no
   If no, stop and go to B.
   If yes, continue.

   Has individual either stopped working or ceased performing SGA?
   __ yes X no
   If no, stop and go to B
   If yes, continue.

   Interviewer should do a full screening for potential EXR eligibility on the SSDI claim.

B. Has the individual received SSI benefits in the past?
   X yes __ no
   If no, stop. If yes, continue.

   Did the individual lose SSI due to budgeting of wages or a combination of wages and other income?
   X yes __ no
   If no, stop. If yes, continue.

   Is individual currently receiving Medicaid through the 1619(b) program?
   X yes __ no
   If yes, stop. The EXR provisions are not needed to reinstate SSI cash benefits.
   If no, continue.

   Has individual received either SSI cash benefits or 1619(b) Medicaid within the past 12 months?
   __ yes __ no
   If yes, stop. The EXR provisions are not needed to reinstate cash benefits.
   If no, continue.
XII. Health Insurance Needs

Health insurance coverage, check each that is available:

- Medicaid
  Amount of spend down, if any:
  none (appears to be 1619(b) recipient)
  If eligible through a Buy-In, the amount of premium, if any:

- Medicare
  X Part A (hospitalization)
  X Part B (outpatient)
  Does individual pay Part B premium? X yes __ no
  Discuss availability of Medicaid payment of Part B premium

- Private insurance
  Monthly/quarterly/yearly premium paid by individual:

- Other, please describe:
  Total out-of-pocket expenses for spend downs, premiums:
  Monthly: Yearly:

Special Medicaid categories

If not eligible for Medicaid, or receive Medicaid with a spend down:

Did you receive SSI in the past? X yes __ no

Section 1619(b) eligibility:

Did you lose SSI due to wages? X yes __ no

If yes, go through 1619(b) eligibility work up.

(Interviewer’s note: Appears to be getting Medicaid through 1619(b))

Medicaid eligibility under SSDI/DAC, SSDI for widows/widowers, Pickle Amendment provisions:

Did you lose SSI due to receipt of some form of Social Security benefits? __ yes X no

If yes, please describe:
  Go through work up for special eligibility categories.
XIII. Analysis of Impairment Related Work Expenses

Transportation IRWE

Nature of item/service:
Bus fare to psychiatrist, mental health counselor

How related to disability and work:
Cannot work without ongoing treatment

Monthly cost: $7.50

Medication IRWE

Nature of item/service: None

Health insurance IRWE (premiums, co-payments, deductibles)

Nature of item/service:
Medicare Part B premium

How related to disability and work:
Medicare pays 80% of cost for psychiatrist

Monthly cost: $66.60

[Interviewer’s note: Medicaid may pay for premium under either QMB or SLMB programs.]

Other IRWEs (check each that applies and describe below): N/A
XIV. Blind Work Expenses (BWEs)

Is the individual legally blind? ______ yes  X  no

If the answer is yes, do work up for BWEs.
XV. Analysis of Subsidies

Subsidy checklist

Is government agency paying part of wage?  __ yes X no
Does individual get special assistance on the job?  __ yes X no

yes, in past

Does individual perform fewer duties than others?  __ yes X no
Does employer accept less productivity than from others?  __ yes X no
Does individual receive extra rest periods/breaks?  __ yes X no
Is individual frequently absent or working irregular
hours because of disability?  X yes __ no
Does individual receive job coach assistance?  __ yes X no

yes, in past

If you checked yes to any of the above, describe the special circumstances:

Currently, off site support is from ABC Rehab case manager approximately 3 hours per month. Employer has set up work schedule based on disability-related limitations. Employer tolerates disability-related absences of one or two days per month. Between January and March 2006, ABC also provided job coach support of 3 hours per week.

Calculate value of monthly subsidy, indicating countable wages after subsidy:

Value of job-coaching subsidy, January – March 2006, using SSA-approved method:
- 13 hours job coaching x $8.50 per hour (Anne’s hourly wage) = $110.50 per month

XVI. SSI Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS)

Does individual have an approved PASS?  __ yes X no

If yes, describe briefly and obtain a copy for file.
If no, explain PASS and then complete remaining questions.

Does individual have income other than SSI?  X yes __ no
NOTES

SSDI payment and nonpayment months during EPE:

10/05-12/05: Non-SGA months, only $660 in monthly earnings ... SSDI checks due

1/06-3/06: Non-SGA months, less than $810 in countable earnings ... SSDI checks due [After subsidy deductions for job coaching assistance (see section XIV.), job coaching subsidy is at least $110.50 per month for January, February, and March 2006, reducing wages below $810 SGA amount.]

4/06: Benefit cessation month (i.e., first month of SGA within EPE)

4/06-6/06: Grace period (cessation month and next two months) ... SSDI checks due

7/06: SGA month ... no SSDI check due

[With expected wages of $1,400 per month, there are not enough projected IRWEs and subsidies, no matter how calculated, to reduce wages below $810.]