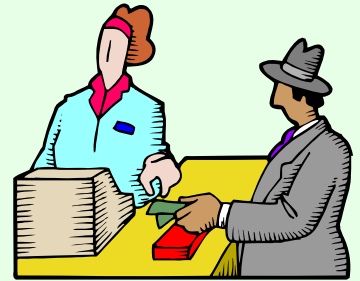


Did you know dialysis patients can work and still keep their Social Security benefits?

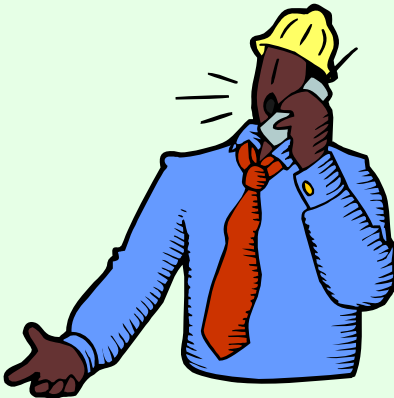
Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Organizations can:

- ▶ 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 organization 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 benefits to working?

- ▶ Patients who remain active in work are more likely to be transplanted and 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
 - ▶ Improved self-esteem
 - ▶ Social opportunities
 - ▶ Increased independence
 - ▶ Insurance coverage



To locate a WIPA project near you...

- ▶ Call 1-866-968-7842 (TTY 1-866-833-2967)
- ▶ Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/work/ServiceProviders/WIPADirectory.html

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

- ▶ Talk with your social worker
- ▶ Visit the website of Western Pacific Renal Network for links and downloads at www.esrdnet17.org or phone 1-800-232-3773