



TWWIA Panel Releases Final Report Relating to Employment of People With Disabilities



The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel has released its final report dated December 2007, mandated by the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act (TWWIA), addressing the ticket to work program and employment in general for people with disabilities. The report presents the findings and conclusions of the Panel, together with its recommendations for legislative and administrative actions.

Included in the report are five recommendations including:

- the idea of extending the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant and Demonstration to Maintain Independence and Employment program through 2014, creating a panel and an advocate position within the Social Security Administration (SSA) to enhance the beneficiary perspective,
- publishing the final rule regulating the Ticket,
- renewing SSA's demonstration authority to design and evaluate additional strategies that overcome multiple barriers to employment for people with disabilities, and
- examining the impact of changing the disability definition.

FMI: The report is available at

<http://www.hcbs.org/files/129/6448/TicketPanelFinalReport.pdf>

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