
Me · Disability Manual

Expendable medical supplies, such as catheters, elastic stockings, bandages, irrigating kits, incontinence pads, facemasks and disposable sheets and bags

- (xi) Physical therapy required because of an impairment and which is needed in order for the individual to work
- (xii) Medical devices such as wheelchairs, hemodialysis equipment, canes, crutches, inhalators and pacemakers. Costs of a seeing-eye dog, including food, licenses and veterinarian services
- (xiii) Payments for transportation costs in the following situations:
 - Costs of structural or operational modifications to a vehicle required by an individual in order to get to and from work;
 - Mileage allowance for an approved vehicle, limited to travel related to employment; and
 - Cost of driver assistance or taxicabs, where such special transportation is not generally required by an unimpaired individual in the community.

2. Trial Work Period

- a. Trial Work Period is a period during which an individual may test his or her ability to work and still maintain disability status. During a trial work period an individual, who is still medically impaired, may perform "services" in as many as nine (9), not necessarily consecutive, months.
- b. "Services" in this section means any activity in employment or self-employment for pay or profit, or the kind of activity normally done for pay or profit. Work activity will be considered "services" if in any month the individual earns more than \$940 a month. Effective January 1, 2021 the average monthly earnings from services was increased from \$910 to \$940. Federal regulations provide for an annual automatic cost of living (COLA) adjustment to this amount. For self-employed individuals, work will be determined to be "services" only when the individual's monthly net earnings are more than the Trial Work Period amount or when the individual works more than 80 hours a month in his/her business.

Work is generally not considered to be "services" for the purpose of calculating trial work period months if the work is:

- (1) Part of a prescribed program of medical therapy;
- (2) Carried out in a hospital under the supervision of medical and/or administrative staff;
- (3) Not performed in an employer-employee relationship; or