**Wage Reporting Facts for Social Security Disability Beneficiaries**

**Avoid Overpayments from SSA**

When you begin working and you receive Social Security benefits, either SSDI or SSI, you are required to report your gross wages every month.

You may think that since your employer has to send Social Security taxes that are deducted from your check to the IRS, the Social Security Administration (SSA) would be informed by the IRS. Unfortunately, this is not the case. SSA will find out later but it’s best for you to report monthly otherwise you will accumulate overpayments. SSA will require overpayments to be repaid.

SSA wants to know gross wages (before taxes).

You also need to let SSA know if you stop working.

**How to Report Earnings**

**I recommend reporting online through your Social Security account.**

**Step 1:** Call your local SSA office or 1.800.772.1213 (TTY 1.800.325.0778) to get set up to report your wages. You must have your employer’s name, address, phone number and tax ID number (EIN).

**Step 2:** Go to [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) and setup an account if you don’t have one.

**Step 3:** Report your wages by the 6th of each month.

**Step 4:** Print a receipt. Keep all receipts and pay stubs.

You can also mail in your paystubs; I recommend sending these by certified mail.

If you receive SSI you can report using the SSI phone app or call 1.866.772.0953. You will still need to do Step 1 above. If you need SSI phone app directions, please request these from me.

If you receive both SSDI and SSI, you will need to report twice.

This video shows you how to setup your account on the SSA website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxLG6l4tvlA>

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If you are reporting self-employment, you will need to contact the SSA office at 1.800.772.1213 (TTY 800.325.0778)