**Work Incentive Counseling – Fee-For-Service Agreement**

AHEDD was recently approved as a provider under the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Benefits Counseling fee-for-service agreement and is very excited to serve your customers.

We have provided such benefits counseling services in Western PA under a Cooperative agreement, the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) program, with the Social Security Administration (SSA) since 2001 and are proud to report that some existing staff have been providing this service for over 10 years.

Over the last several years, AHEDD has been expanding this expertise within our organization and currently employs a certified team of over 10 professionals, Community Partner Work Incentive Counselors (CPWIC’s) and Community Work incentive Coordinator’s (CWIC’s), who are positioned to provide this service across the state. We believe that this nationally recognized service is critical for both Social Security Beneficiaries to make informed decisions regarding work and for sponsors to effectively manage limited employment resources.

To learn more about the WIPA referral process and OVR’s new fee-for-service agreement, counselors can review a recorded webinar which is saved within OVR’s internal area for training resources (T:\Training Resources\Video Conference Trainings\Benefits Counseling - WIPA and OVR Service, 02-21-18). This recording includes information on determining when to make a referral for benefits counseling and instructions for using the Ticket to Work Referral helpline (866-968-7842).

The following table reflects the services AHEDD can provide at this time. We request that an authorization to accompany each referral form (attached).

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| **Service** | **Audience** | **Fee Code** | **Cost** |
| **Benefits Consultation** | Eligible OVR Customers | 59300 | $75 per hour/ 3 hours is preferred |
| **Work Incentives Benefits Analysis** | Eligible OVR Customers | 59301 | $100 per hour/maximum of 7 hours |
| **Work Incentives Benefits Analysis Update** | Eligible OVR Customers (with an employment history of 12 months or longer) | 59302 | $100 per hour/maximum of 6 hours |
| **Plan to Achieve Self Support** | Eligible OVR Customers | 59304 | $75 per hour/maximum of 6 hours |

***If you have any questions please feel free to contact AHEDD at*** ***ssaworkincentives@ahedd.org*** ***or 866-902-4333 ext. 62001.***