



PABSS-Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security

Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) is authorized under Section 1150 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 122 of P.L. 106-170, the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 to:

- * Provide information and advice about obtaining vocational rehabilitation services, and
- * Provide advocacy or legal assistance other services that a beneficiary needs to secure, regain or maintain employment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR PABSS ASSISTANCE?

- * Beneficiaries within the State who are entitled to Social Security Disability Benefits (SSDI) or eligible for Supplemental Security Income Benefits (SSI) who are interested in securing, regaining or maintaining employment .

HOW CAN PABSS HELP?

- * PABSS will provide assistance to Social Security beneficiaries seeking vocational rehabilitation services, employment services from employment networks.
- * PABSS will investigate and review complaints of improper or inadequate services provided to a beneficiary by a service provider, employer or others involved in a beneficiary's return to work efforts.
- * PABSS will provide information and technical assistance to beneficiaries about work incentives and employment.
- * PABSS will provide consultation and legal representation, if necessary, to protect the rights of beneficiaries.
- * PABSS will advocate to identify and correct deficiencies in the service system designed to assist beneficiaries secure, regain or maintain employment.

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