

**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
\$1 for \$2 Pilot**

**“A new opportunity for SSDI beneficiaries
to work and earn more money”**

What is it? Under current SSDI rules, a beneficiary risks losing their whole SSDI cash benefit if they work above a “substantial” level—defined as \$860 per month in 2006. The \$1 for \$2 Pilot will test alternative SSDI rules that allow for a gradual reduction (\$1 for every \$2 earned) in the SSDI cash benefit if the beneficiary earns above a “substantial” level. **The \$1 for \$2 option will allow beneficiaries to earn much more money and still keep a portion of their SSDI check.**

Am I eligible for the pilot? To be potentially eligible, you must:

- ✓ Be a resident of Vermont.
- ✓ Receive SSDI benefits only. Dual SSI/SSDI beneficiaries are not eligible.
- ✓ Be a current or recent VR consumer (the case must have been open in the previous 36 months).
- ✓ Enroll in the VR benefits counseling program.

The VR benefits counselor will determine eligibility at application.

How can I apply? Get in touch with a local VR benefits counselor at:
1-800-361-1239

When can I enroll? Enrollment will be open for one year and is targeted to start August 2005 and end October 2006.

What else should I know? This pilot is a random assignment study. This means that only 50% of the beneficiaries who enroll in the pilot will get the \$1 for \$2 option. *You are not guaranteed of getting the \$1 for \$2 option if you apply.* The VR benefits counselor will explain this in detail to you at enrollment.

If I have questions who should I contact? Contact your local VR benefits counselor at (800) 361-1239 or James Smith at (802) 241-4480 or james.smith@dail.state.vt.us