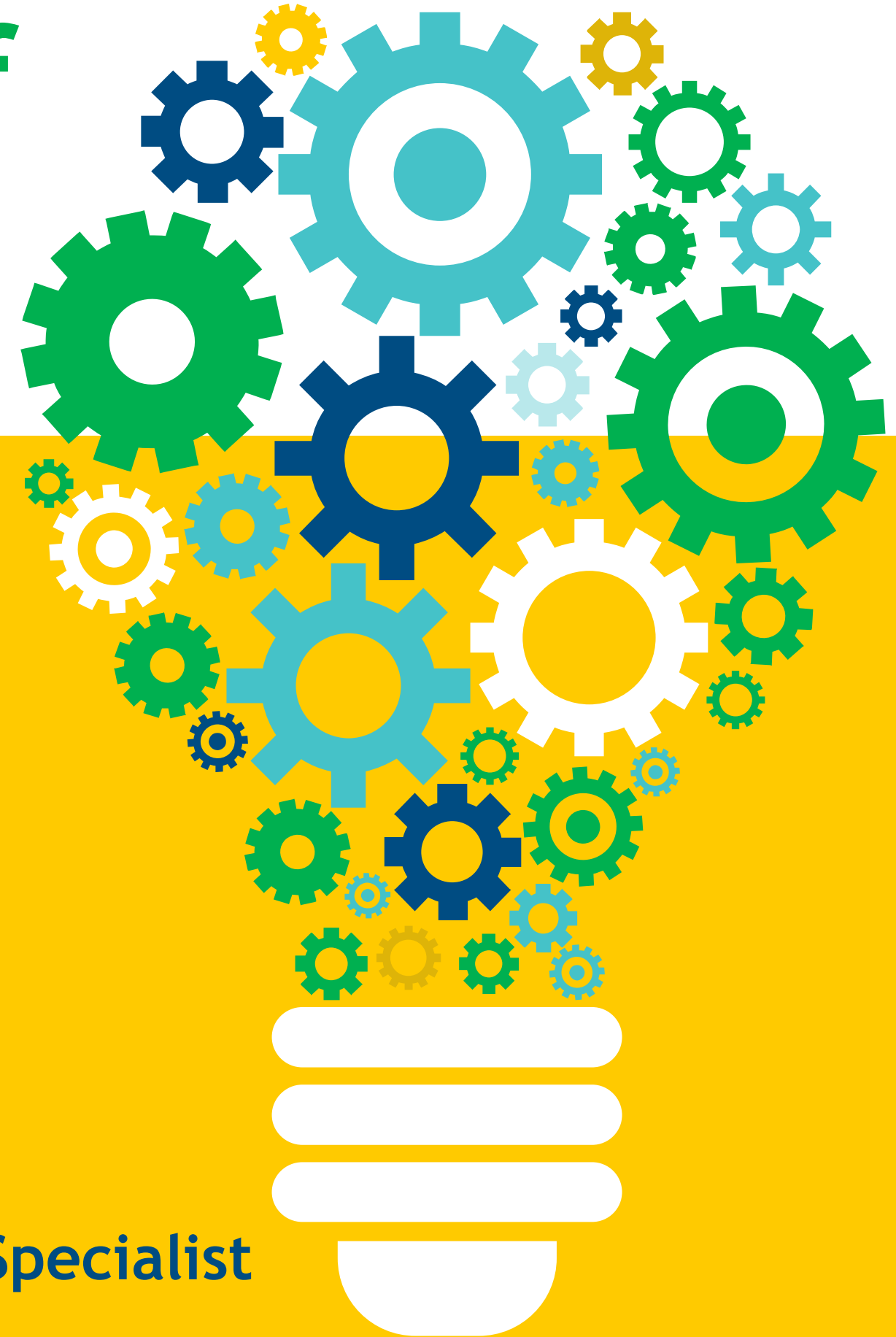
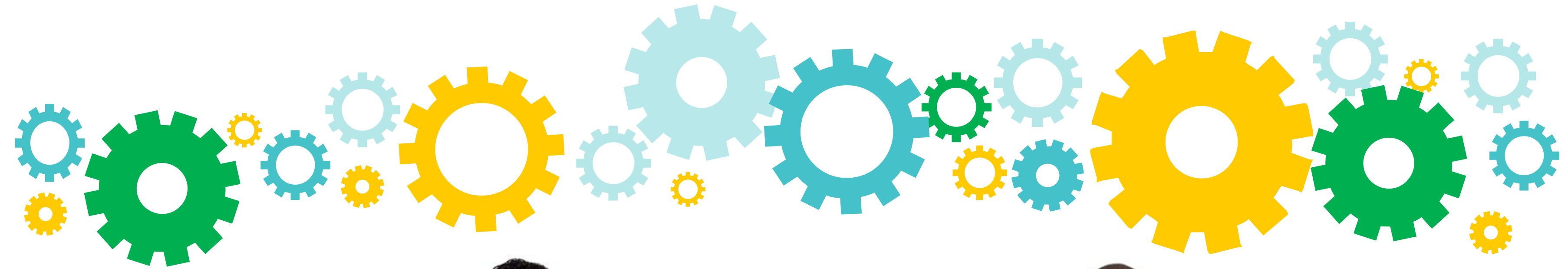


All the Moving Parts of Benefits and Working



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Types of Benefits Counseling



Disability
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Disability Benefit Specialists (DBS)/Aging and Disability Resource Center/ADRC

Applications

Appeals

Medical CDRs



Medicaid

Medicare Part D
Assistance

Work Incentives Benefits Specialists (WIBS)

Health Insurance
Options

Access to
Work
Incentives

Benefit Systems

Reporting
Requirements

Income



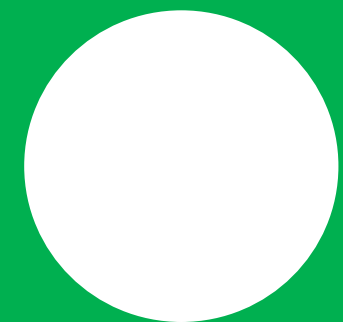
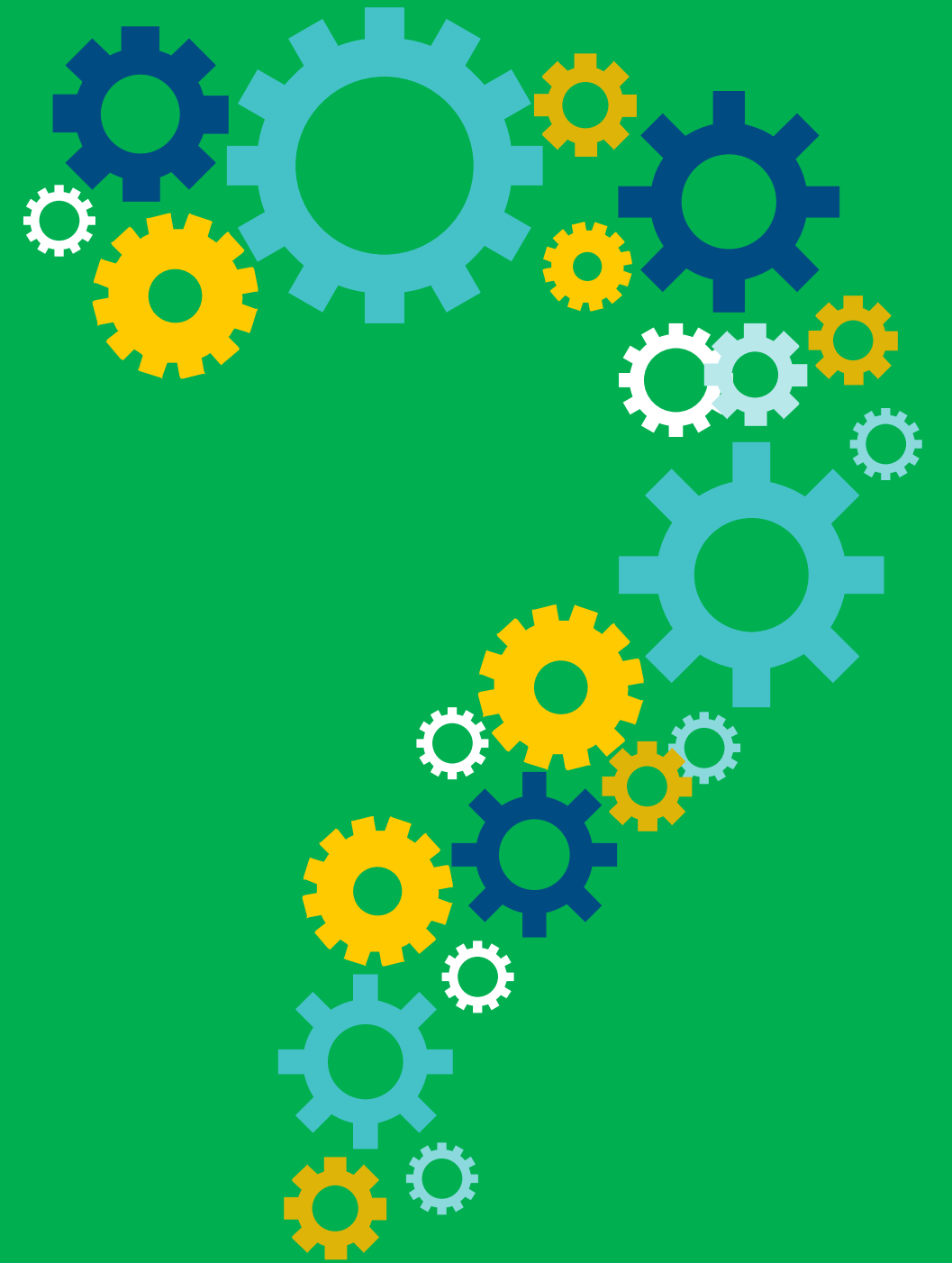
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Help people with disabilities to:

- Overcome barriers to employment by using work incentives
- Gain entitlement to all available and needed benefits and services
- Make informed choices about work
- Reduce fear and misunderstanding
- Improve communication between agencies and beneficiaries
- Resolve benefits problems



Many individuals believe that they can't work because they will lose important benefits such as health insurance.





**Each person's
benefit situation
is different.**

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Social Security Disability Insurance

SSDI

Supplemental Security Income

SSI

Social Security Benefits

SSDI and SSI

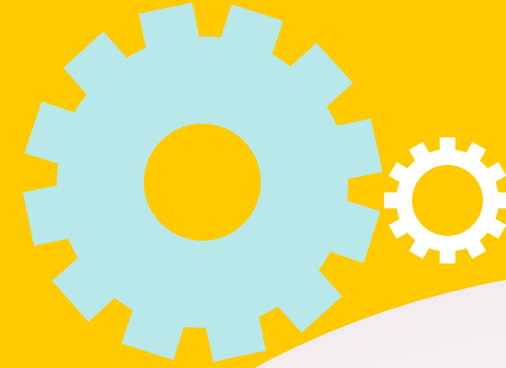
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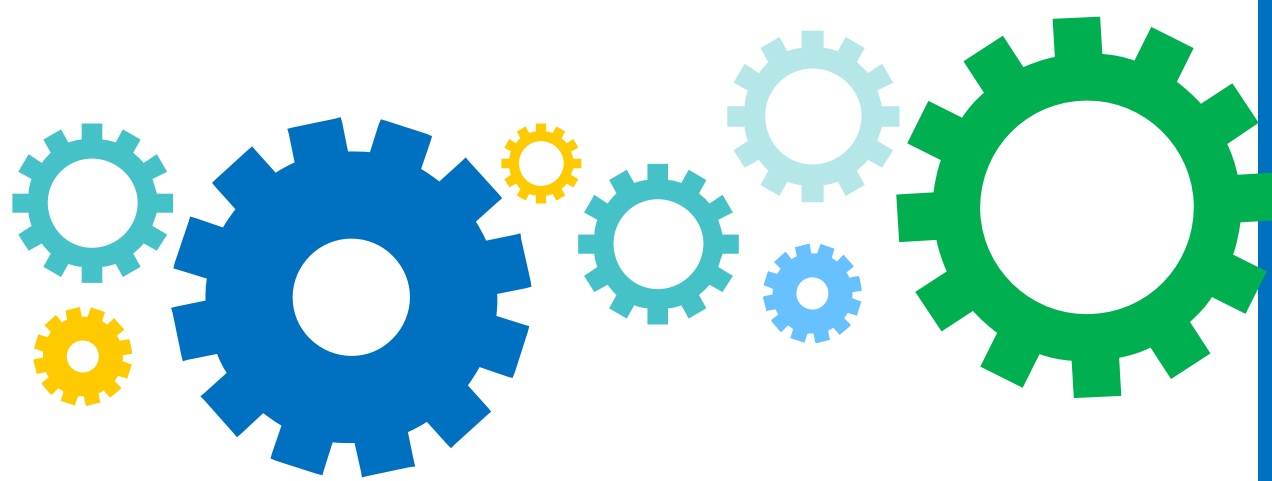
- Based on own work record, or
- Record of a parent who is:
 - Disabled, Retired, Deceased
- No asset limit

- Needs based
- Limit to amount received; \$841 (2022)
- Income & asset limits
- Automatic Medicaid

Age 18 Redetermination (SSI)

- SSI recipients who turn 18 must have their eligibility reviewed.
- Childhood definition of disability is different from the adult standard.
- Review usually happens within 12 months after the 18th birthday.





Medicare

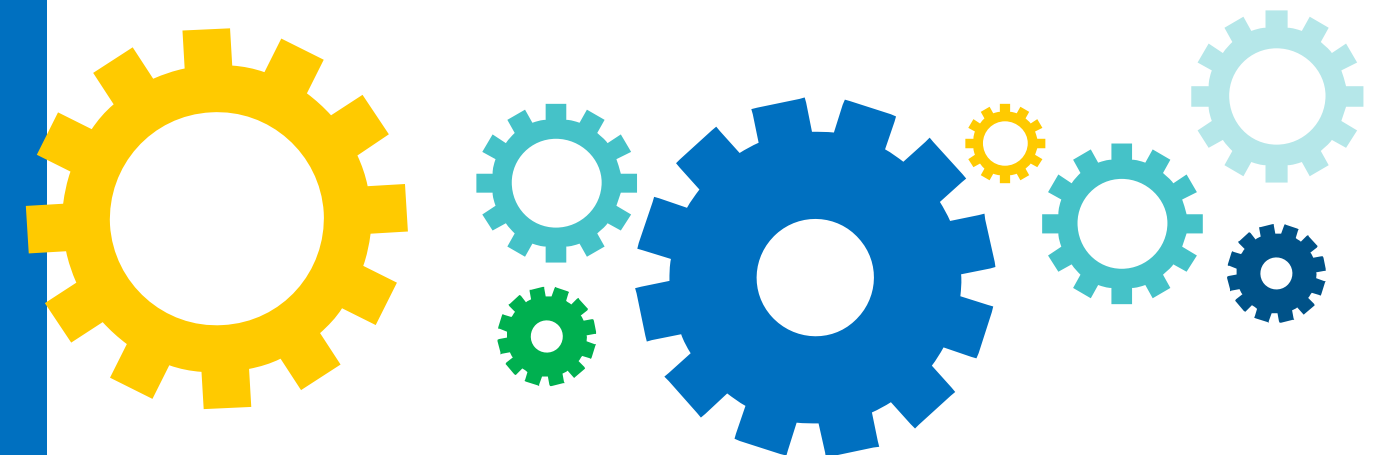
- Not as comprehensive
- May have more costs
- Parts A, B, D
- SSDI recipients eligible after two years
- Medicare Savings Plans (MSP) and LIS (part D extra help)

Health Benefits Medicare vs. Medicaid

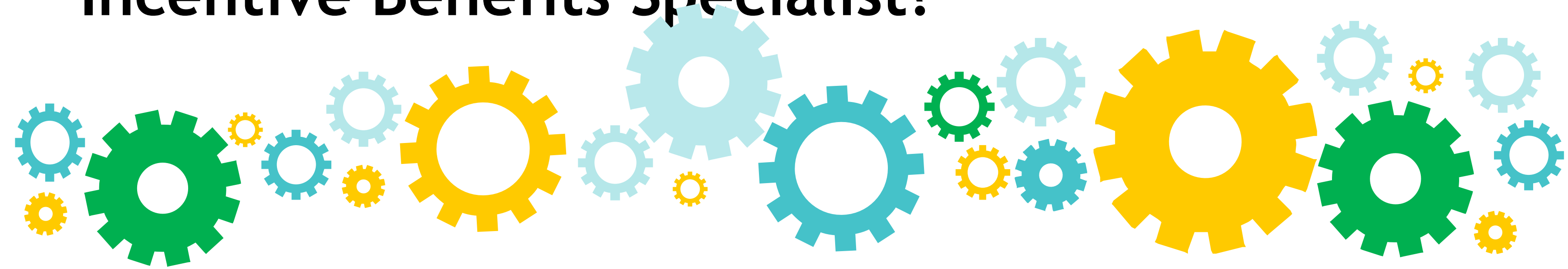
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Medicaid

- Comprehensive coverage
- Different programs/types
- Each has own income and asset limits
- Some have premiums or cost shares



When Should an Individual Contact a Work Incentive Benefits Specialist?



If they are...

Considering
work for the
first time.

Making
more
money.

Going
back to
work.

Developing
a career
plan.

Looking
for a job.

Having problems
or questions
about current
benefits.

Things people should know about their benefits



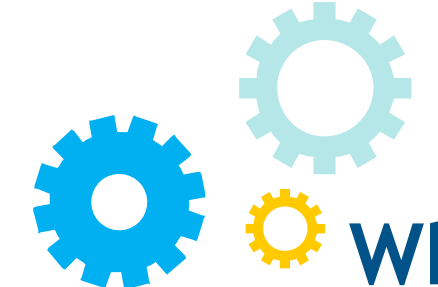
What benefits they receive:

- Call Social Security or check online at [SSA.gov](https://www.ssa.gov)
- Benefits verification letter

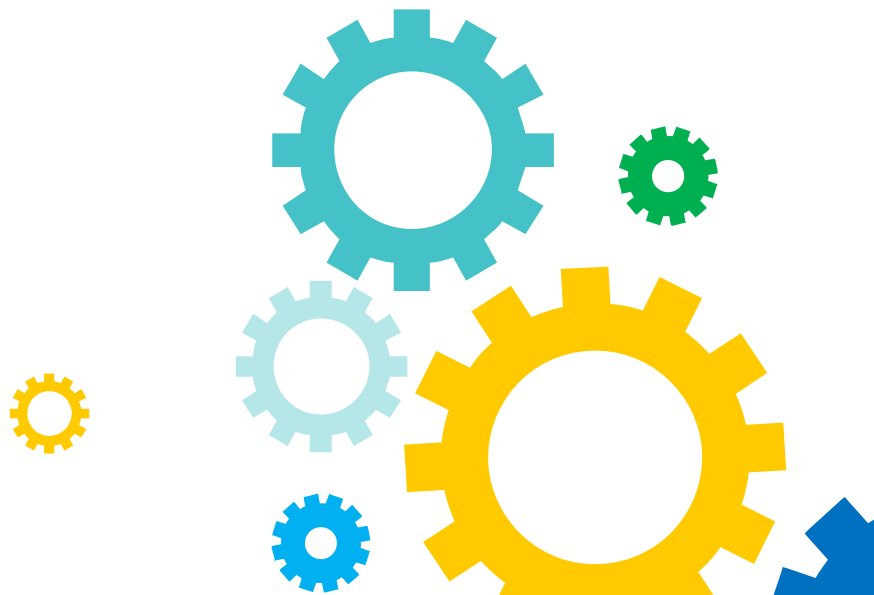


Important records to keep:

- Paystubs (only send copies)
- Letters from Social Security and other benefits providers
- Receipts for IRWEs (Impairment-Related Work Expenses)



Who to report to:

- Social Security
 - Consortium (Medicaid, FoodShare)
 - Housing
- 

First paycheck:

Money Management

☐ Report earnings to Social Security

- www.ssa.gov
- Other gov't agencies

☐ When to report

- Starting work
- Stopping work
- Increase or decrease wages
- Other changes: address, marriage, children



Things to know

- Paycheck will have taxes deducted
- Budgets may change - pay frequency for example
- May want to talk to a Benefits Specialist.

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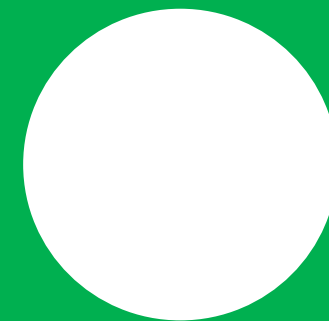
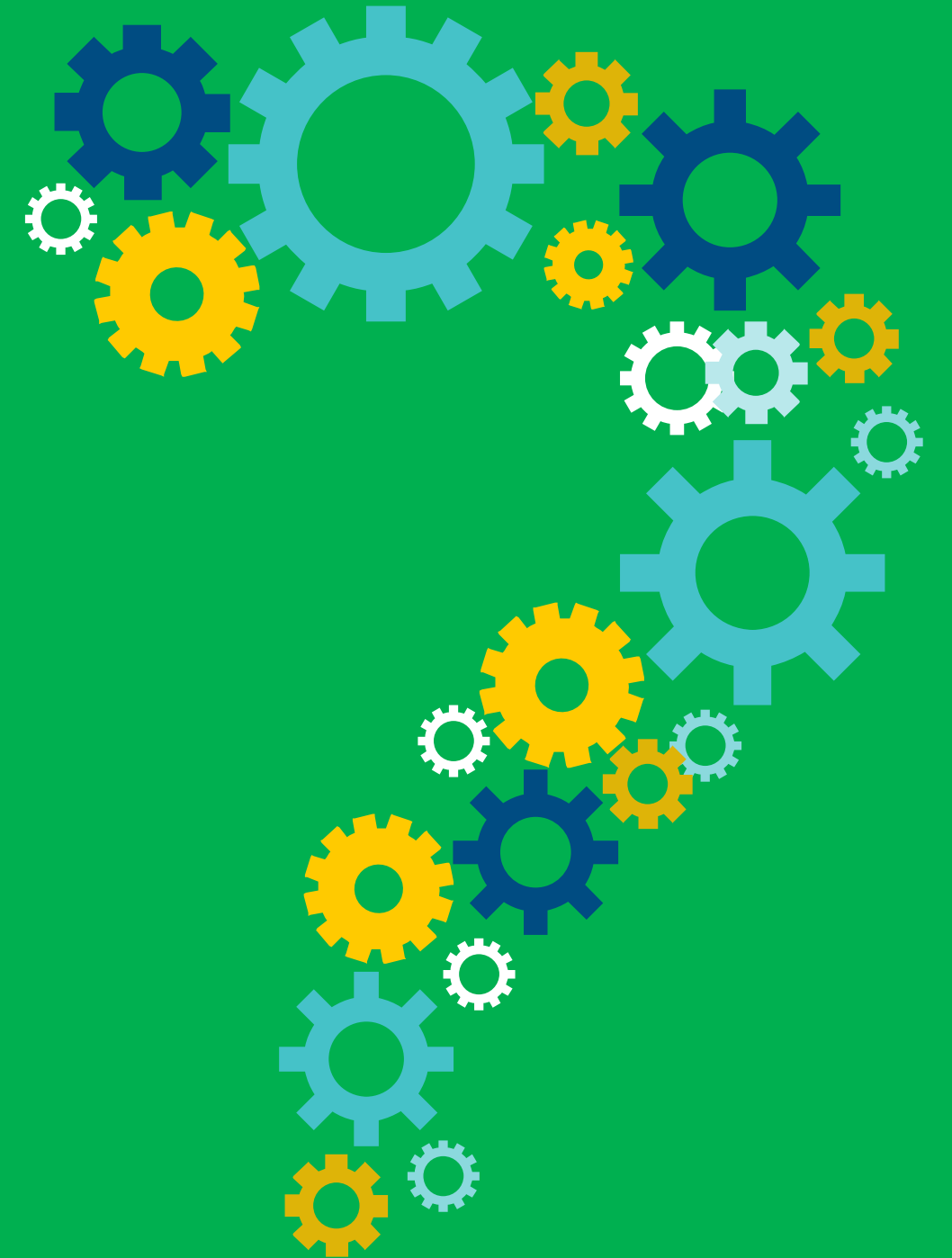
**It is possible to
work and keep
important
benefits.**





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Questions



All the Moving Parts

THANK YOU!



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