



Talking points for Working Healthy Benefits Specialists when meeting with potential candidates for WORK.

1)	Assure that they indeed do qualify for WH and that they understand that they will be paying a premium.
2)	Discuss current supports and the planning necessary to assure a smooth transition to WORK supports. Never leave a consumer without personal supports unless they understand and request the change from Waiver supports to WORK supports!!
3)	Assist with any questions that they have regarding beginning employment or increasing employment hours and provide options.
4)	Share information on how other benefits will be affected, housing, food stamps, Medicare part B & D, etc.
5)	An important difference between HCBS waiver services and WORK is that household income is considered when determining premiums and this is different from HCBS determination of client obligation.
6)	Discuss timeline for desk reviews the importance of staying current with premiums, and the consequences of not being current.
7)	Unemployment plans who to notify when not employed or work changes and the importance of reporting timely.
8)	Discuss the assessment process and the timeline for approval before beginning services.
9)	Discuss the Allocation and the options. Important to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can't pay WH premiums with WORK allocation funds b. Using WORK allocation funds can't count as IRWE's
10)	Discuss the Plan for Independence an options
11)	Discuss the Individualized Budget
12)	Discuss the Choice Form and the decision they will need to make. IL Counseling, fiscal management, etc.
13)	Discuss other options that are available to support employment. i.e. AT Kansas, Vocational Rehabilitation, KATCO, etc .
14)	Discuss Options available with work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Self-direction b. Fiscal management c. Independent Living counseling – Negotiate with chosen agency for service and need for assistance with assessment and budget process.
15)	Provide an orientation to WORK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All about options b. All about control c. Brochure and fact sheet
16)	Transfer of property: The relationship between WORK, waiver services, and long-term care is such that the transfer of resources and/or income policies of KEESM 5720 and subsections will apply.
17)	IF EES is notified by the WORK Program Coordinator of acceptance into WORK by the 18th of the month, WORK services will begin the first day of the following month. If EES is notified of acceptance into WORK after the 18th day and the end of the month, WORK services cannot begin until the first day of the second month following acceptance.
18)	Dental and other services are available under waiver services and not with WORK.
19)	Remind consumers who receive services that it is their responsibility to notify agencies that currently provide services of the change to WORK.