



WHAT IN THE WORLD IS AN IRWE?

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) EDITION



IRWE

stands for impairment related work expense. They are expenses incurred by SSI recipients who are not legally blind that:

are paid by the worker and not reimbursed by others.

are paid during a month the person works.

are considered to be reasonable by Social Security.

are related to their impairment (disability).

purchase something needed to be able to work.

Why is this important to me?

When an expense is submitted to Social Security and approved as an IRWE, it is deducted from your earnings with your general and earned income exclusions. This will increase the amount of your SSI cash benefit by 50 cents for every dollar of your approved IRWE each month.

Contact your WIPA program for assistance with IRWE's.
Center for Accessible Living - (888)813-8497
Goodwill Industries of Kentucky - (866)336-3316

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www.kentuckyworks.org



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