

MEDICAID DISABILITY MANUAL

individual in the community.

2. Trial Work Period

- a. Trial Work Period is a period during which an individual may test his or her ability to work and still maintain disability status. During a trial work period an individual, who is still medically impaired, may perform "services" in as many as nine (9), not necessarily consecutive, months.
- b. "Services" in this section means any activity in employment or self-employment for pay or profit, or the kind of activity normally done for pay or profit. Work activity will be considered "services" if in any month the individual earns more than \$700 a month. Federal regulations provide for an annual automatic cost of living (COLA) adjustment to this amount. For self-employed individuals, work will be determined to be "services" only when the individual's monthly net earnings are more than the Trial Work Period amount or when the individual works more than 80 hours a month in his/her business.

Work is generally not considered to be "services" for the purpose of calculating trial work period months if the work is:

- (1) Part of a prescribed program of medical therapy;
 - (2) Carried out in a hospital under the supervision of medical and/or administrative staff;
 - (3) Not performed in an employer-employee relationship; or
 - (4) Not normally performed for pay or profit.
- c. The Disability Review Team may find that the individual's disability has ended at any time during the trial work period if the medical or other evidence shows that he/she is no longer disabled. An individual may have only one trial work period during a disability period.

3. Plans for Achieving Self-Support (PASS)

Department Regulation Section 360-4.6

Eligible blind and disabled individuals may participate in Plans for Achieving Self-Support. These plans are intended to assist certain A/Rs to accumulate money and/or set aside current resources in excess of the allowable resource level for use in accordance with a plan. The purpose of the PASS is to assist these individuals in