

## Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, and SSI are Lifelines for Alaska Residents with Disabilities

### *Lifelines for Alaskans with Disabilities...*

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Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are lifelines for Alaskans with disabilities, including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families:

- Medicaid**
  - Alaska's Medicaid program enrolls over 138,000 people including over 17,000 non-elderly adults and children with disabilities.<sup>1</sup>
  - Over 1,700 Alaskans with I/DD receive Medicaid home and community-based (HCBS) services.<sup>2</sup>
- Medicare**
  - Medicare enrolls over 73,000 Alaskans, including over 13,000 people with disabilities.<sup>3</sup>
- Social Security**
  - Social Security serves over 84,000 Alaskans, including over 14,000 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries, along with their spouses and dependent children.<sup>4</sup>
- SSI**
  - SSI serves over 12,000 low-income seniors and people with disabilities in Alaska.<sup>4</sup>

### *...that Boost the Alaska Economy*

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Medicaid and Medicare bring federal dollars into Alaska and help create jobs:

- Medicaid brought the state of Alaska over \$786.3 million in federal dollars in 2012.<sup>5</sup>
- Medicare spending in Alaska was over \$550 million in 2009.<sup>6</sup>

Social Security and SSI benefits are typically spent in-state and help boost the Alaska economy:

- Social Security paid over \$1.0 billion in benefits to Alaskans in 2013, including over \$200 million in Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.<sup>4</sup>
- SSI paid over \$70 million in federal benefits to Alaskans in 2013.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts. Distribution of Medicaid Enrollees by Enrollment Group, FY 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Larson, S. et al. (2014). Residential Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities: Status and Trends Through Fiscal Year 2012. Table 5.5c.

<sup>3</sup> The Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts. Distribution of Medicare Beneficiaries by Eligibility Category, 2012.

<sup>4</sup> Social Security Administration (2014). Annual Statistical Supplement, 2013. Tables 5.J2, 5.J14, 7.B1, and 5.J1.

<sup>5</sup> The Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts. Federal and State Share of Medicaid Spending, FY 2012.

<sup>6</sup> The Kaiser Family Foundation State Health Facts. Medicare Spending Estimates by State of Residence (in millions), 2009.