

Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, and SSI are Lifelines for Rhode Island Residents with Disabilities

Lifelines for Rhode Islanders with Disabilities...

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

- Medicaid**
 - Rhode Island's Medicaid program enrolls over 212,000 people including over 42,000 non-elderly adults and children with disabilities.¹
 - Over 3,300 Rhode Islanders with I/DD receive Medicaid home and community-based (HCBS) services.²
- Medicare**
 - Medicare enrolls over 192,000 Rhode Islanders, including over 39,000 people with disabilities.³
- Social Security**
 - Social Security serves over 210,000 Rhode Islanders, including over 42,000 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries, along with their spouses and dependent children.⁴
- SSI**
 - SSI serves over 32,000 low-income seniors and people with disabilities in Rhode Island.⁴

...that Boost the Rhode Island Economy

Medicaid and Medicare bring federal dollars into Rhode Island and help create jobs:

- Medicaid brought the state of Rhode Island over \$0.9 billion in federal dollars in 2012.⁵
- Medicare spending in Rhode Island was over \$1.8 billion in 2009.⁶

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

- Social Security paid over \$2.9 billion in benefits to Rhode Islanders in 2013, including over \$550 million in Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.⁴
- SSI paid over \$200 million in federal benefits to Rhode Islanders in 2013.⁴

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

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

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

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

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

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