

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

Lifelines for Coloradans with Disabilities...

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

- Medicaid**
 - Colorado's Medicaid program enrolls over 745,000 people including over 94,000 non-elderly adults and children with disabilities.¹
 - Over 8,100 Coloradans with I/DD receive Medicaid home and community-based (HCBS) services.²
- Medicare**
 - Medicare enrolls over 686,000 Coloradans, including over 107,000 people with disabilities.³
- Social Security**
 - Social Security serves over 748,000 Coloradans, including over 114,000 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries, along with their spouses and dependent children.⁴
- SSI**
 - SSI serves over 70,000 low-income seniors and people with disabilities in Colorado.⁴

...that Boost the Colorado Economy

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

- Medicaid brought the state of Colorado over \$2.3 billion in federal dollars in 2012.⁵
- Medicare spending in Colorado was over \$5.2 billion in 2009.⁶

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

- Social Security paid over \$10.1 billion in benefits to Coloradans in 2013, including over \$1.6 billion in Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.⁴
- SSI paid over \$420 million in federal benefits to Coloradans 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.