

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

### *Lifelines for North Carolinians with Disabilities...*

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

- Medicaid**
  - North Carolina's Medicaid program enrolls over 1,953,000 people including over 334,000 non-elderly adults and children with disabilities.<sup>1</sup>
  - Over 12,800 North Carolinians with I/DD receive Medicaid home and community-based (HCBS) services.<sup>2</sup>
- Medicare**
  - Medicare enrolls over 1,602,000 North Carolinians, including over 351,000 people with disabilities.<sup>3</sup>
- Social Security**
  - Social Security serves over 1,859,000 North Carolinians, including over 371,000 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries, along with their spouses and dependent children.<sup>4</sup>
- SSI**
  - SSI serves over 230,000 low-income seniors and people with disabilities in North Carolina.<sup>4</sup>

### *...that Boost the North Carolina Economy*

**Medicaid and Medicare** bring federal dollars into North Carolina and help create jobs:

- Medicaid brought the state of North Carolina over \$8.0 billion in federal dollars in 2012.<sup>5</sup>
- Medicare spending in North Carolina was over \$14.1 billion in 2009.<sup>6</sup>

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

- Social Security paid over \$25.2 billion in benefits to North Carolinians in 2013, including over \$5.0 billion in Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.<sup>4</sup>
- SSI paid over \$1.3 billion in federal benefits to North Carolinians in 2013.<sup>4</sup>

<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.