

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

Lifelines for Alabamans with Disabilities...

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

- Medicaid**
 - Alabama's Medicaid program enrolls over 1,062,000 people including over 221,000 non-elderly adults and children with disabilities.¹
 - Over 5,600 Alabamans with I/DD receive Medicaid home and community-based (HCBS) services.²
- Medicare**
 - Medicare enrolls over 898,000 Alabamans, including over 245,000 people with disabilities.³
- Social Security**
 - Social Security serves over 1,060,000 Alabamans, including over 264,000 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries, along with their spouses and dependent children.⁴
- SSI**
 - SSI serves over 177,000 low-income seniors and people with disabilities in Alabama.⁴

...that Boost the Alabama Economy

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

- Medicaid brought the state of Alabama over \$3.4 billion in federal dollars in 2012.⁵
- Medicare spending in Alabama was over \$8.0 billion in 2009.⁶

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

- Social Security paid over \$14.0 billion in benefits to Alabamans in 2013, including over \$3.5 billion in Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.⁴
- SSI paid over \$1.0 billion in federal benefits to Alabamans 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.