

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

Lifelines for Georgians with Disabilities...

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

- Medicaid**
 - Georgia's Medicaid program enrolls over 1,929,000 people including over 315,000 non-elderly adults and children with disabilities.¹
 - Over 11,600 Georgians with I/DD receive Medicaid home and community-based (HCBS) services.²
- Medicare**
 - Medicare enrolls over 1,354,000 Georgians, including over 293,000 people with disabilities.³
- Social Security**
 - Social Security serves over 1,582,000 Georgians, including over 313,000 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries, along with their spouses and dependent children.⁴
- SSI**
 - SSI serves over 247,000 low-income seniors and people with disabilities in Georgia.⁴

...that Boost the Georgia Economy

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

- Medicaid brought the state of Georgia over \$5.6 billion in federal dollars in 2012.⁵
- Medicare spending in Georgia was over \$11.7 billion in 2009.⁶

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

- Social Security paid over \$21.1 billion in benefits to Georgians in 2013, including over \$4.2 billion in Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.⁴
- SSI paid over \$1.5 billion in federal benefits to Georgians 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.