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New York Regional Disability Population Report #2

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MBI-WPD Outreach Brief

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The Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) program is an important health insurance option, and ensuring that all New Yorkers with disabilities have knowledge of it is critical to its success. Toward that end, this brief describes the population with disabilities that could be potentially eligible for participation in the MBI-WPD. The analysis provided is configured regionally by the counties in each of the seven primary Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA) regions established by the Social Security Administration.

About the Central and Northern N.Y. WIPA Office Area

There are approximately 1,791,000 persons ages 16-64 living in Central and Northern N.Y. Of this population, approximately 14.2% or 253,600 have a disability. The Central and Northern N.Y. account for approximately 18.9% of the total New York state disability population ages 16-64.

The American Community Survey

The data used to identify this group came from the American Community Survey (ACS), an ongoing annual Census Bureau survey designed to collect the same information as the Decennial Census long form on an annual basis. The ACS provides the most accurate, up to date data about America's communities for community leaders and policy makers.

In the ACS, disability is defined as "a long-lasting physical, mental, or emotional condition. This condition can make it difficult for a person to do activities such as walking, climbing stairs, dressing, bathing, learning, or remembering (*question asked of persons ages 5 years old and older*). This condition can also impede a person from being able to go outside the home alone or to work at a job or business (*asked of persons ages 15 years old and older*)." The ACS asks questions to differentiate between six types of disability. Of persons with a disability, 58.4% (148,200) report more than one of disability type.

Central and Northern N.Y. Population with Disabilities, Ages 16-64 (ACS 2005-2007)			
Type	Definition (Question asked on ACS to Determine Disability)	% of area population	# of people
Sensory Disability	"Does this person have any of the following long-lasting conditions (a) blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment..."	3.1%	55,300
Physical Disability	"Does this person have any of the following long-lasting conditions (b) a condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities, such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying".	8.5%	153,100
Mental Disability	"Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities: (a) learning, remembering, or concentrating ..."	5.1%	91,500
Self-Care Disability	"Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities: (b) dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home..."	2.1%	37,500
Go-Outside Home Disability	"Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities: (a.) Going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office?"	3.1%	56,200
Employment Disability	"Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities: (b.) Working at a job or business?"	8.2%	146,100

Identifying the Potential Eligible MDI-WPD

This brief focuses on the population with a disability who may be eligible for the Medicaid Buy-In Working Persons with a Disability (MBI-WPD) program. We determined this using the information available in the US Census Bureau's American Population Survey (ACS 2005-2007). The MBI-WPD population is limited to the following: persons ages 16-64 with a disability who are U.S. citizens, are not SSI beneficiaries, and live in households at 250% or less of the poverty level.

Of the 253,600 persons ages 16-64 with a disability living in the Central and Northern N.Y.:

- 98.4% are US citizens
- 82.4% do not receive SSI
- 58.8% live at 250% of poverty level or less

Altogether, 44.0% of persons ages 16-64 with disabilities living in Central and Northern N.Y. (about 111,600 people) fulfill all three criteria above.

The 111,600 potential MBI-WPD account for 23.6% of New York State's total potential MBI-WPD population.

Characteristics of the potential Medicaid Buy-In population with disabilities

The following are the characteristics of the potential Medicaid Buy-In population identified above. Note that as 58.9% (65,700) reported more than one disability type, the total will add up to more than 100%.

Disability Type	Percent	Number
Sensory	20.0	22,300
Physical	60.3	67,300
Mental	37.8	42,200
Self-care	14.3	16,000
Go-outside-home	21.2	23,700
Employment Disability	58.5	65,300

Gender	Percent	Number
Women	50.1	55,900
Men	49.8	55,600

Age category	Percent	Number
16-20	7.8	8,700
21-35	21.2	23,700
36-50	36.3	40,500
51-64	34.6	38,600

Minority (non-white and/or of Hispanic/Latino origin)

Of the potential MBI-WPD population living in Central and Northern N.Y., 11.9% (13,300) are minorities. This accounts for about 6.6% of the total New York state potential MBI-WPD minority population.

Race category	Percent	Number
White	89.8	100,200
Black/African American	5.4	6,000
Native American	2.2	2,400
Asian	.8	900
Other race(s)	1.9	2,100

Minority (non-white and/or of Hispanic/Latino origin) (continued)

Hispanic/Latino origin	Percent	Number
Hispanic	3.2	3,600
Non-Hispanic	96.8	108,000

Language Spoken at Home	Percent	Number
English	94.2	105,100
Spanish	2.7	3,000
Some other language	3.0	3,400

Educational Attainment	Percent	Number
Less than High School	27.7	30,900
High School/GED	40.3	45,000
Some college or Associates degree	25.6	28,600
BA/BS degree or higher	6.3	7,000

Employment Status	Percent	Number
Employed	32.8	36,600
Full Time (35+ hrs/week)	60.7	22,200
Part Time	39.3	14,400
Self Employed (part time or full time)	1.9	700
Not Employed	67.1	74,900
Looking for work	12.3	9,200
Not looking for work	87.7	65,700

When last worked	Percent	Number
Currently working	32.8	36,600
Worked in past year	13.0	14,500
1-5 years ago	21.2	23,700
5 or more years ago or never worked	32.9	36,700

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