



# MEDICAID IS THE BACKBONE

## of New York's Services & Supports for Individuals With Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

As the 119th Congress convenes and begins deliberations on how to implement the policies of the new Administration, decisions about Medicaid will have life-changing impacts on New Yorkers with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, the 400 employers of I/DD services, and the thousands of constituents whose livelihoods are supported through the Medicaid program.

**We urge Congress to oppose cuts to Medicaid and protect individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

### Can We Count on You?

The Medicaid program is the primary funder for services and supports for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) in New York state. Services provided through OPWDD's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver allow people to receive services in the community or at home. Medicaid State Plan services do not require someone to be enrolled in the waiver and are often provided in clinic or institutional settings such as developmental centers or Intermediate Care Facilities.

### Demographics of our Medicaid I/DD System

A total of **130,955 unique Medicaid-eligible individuals with I/DD** were served in New York State in 2023. **99% of these individuals were supported** through dedication, hard work and compassion of **400 voluntary, nonprofit providers**. In total, the I/DD provider community delivered \$9.1 billion in Medicaid-funded OPWDD services. Without the Medicaid program, there would be no mechanism to support these individuals with I/DD.

Of the **\$9.1 billion spent in 2023, HCBS Waiver Services Spending totaled \$7.45 billion**, as follows:

- Residential Supports & Services = \$4.5 billion, supporting 31,692 individuals;
- Day & Employment Services = \$2.3 billion, supporting 73,023 individuals;
- Services Supporting Self-Direction = \$322.7 million, assisted 30,069 individuals; and
- Respite = \$315.3 million, supporting 22,726 individuals and their families.

Another **\$1.45 billion was spent on State Plan Services**, including:

- Intermediate Care Facilities (Community-based) = \$664.4 million, supporting 3,522 individuals;
- Care Coordination = \$491.1 million, providing care management services to 119,708 individuals;
- Day Services = \$95.1 million, supporting 2,755 individuals;
- Article 16 Clinics = \$61.3 million, serving 24,518 individuals; and
- Developmental Centers = \$92 million, caring for 189 individuals.



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The OPWDD service sector is organized into five geographic regions (see Figure 2).

Within Region 1, there are **48 nonprofit providers** that provided nearly \$1.5 billion in services to over 24,000 individuals.

In Region 2, a total of **58 voluntary, nonprofit providers** served nearly 18,000 individuals, with total Medicaid payments approaching \$1.3 billion.

Within Region 3, the number of **voluntary providers totaled 105**, and expenditures totaled over \$2 billion.

In the New York City region, **152 voluntary, nonprofit providers** supported over 47,000 individuals, with total Medicaid payments totaling \$2.97 billion.

And on Long Island, **61 voluntary, nonprofit providers** supported 15,695 individuals, with total Medicaid payments totaling \$1.35 billion.

The NY Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation (NY Alliance), a statewide association representing 135 not-for-profit agencies serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is a strong advocate of the Medicaid program and its commitment to funding long-term supports and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

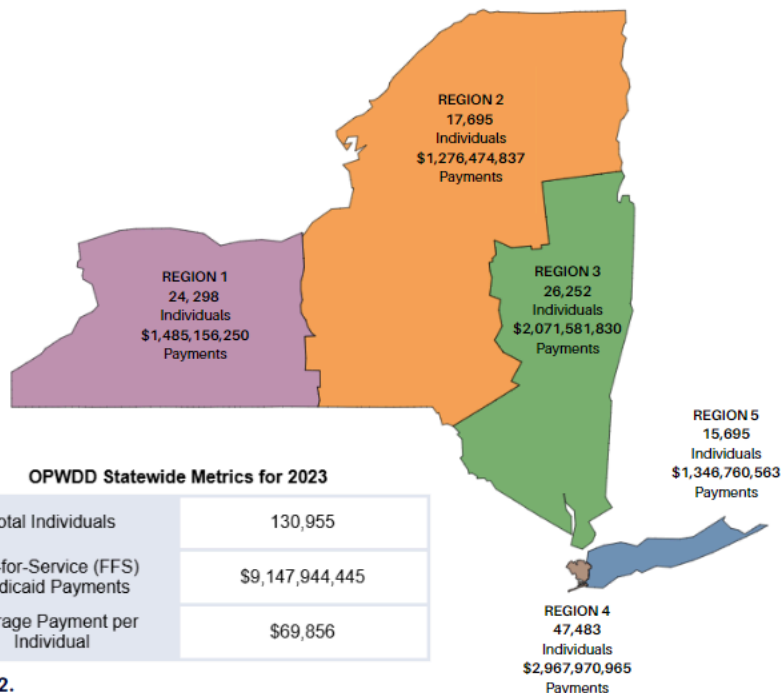


Figure 2.

Source: NYS OPWDD Medicaid Expenditures Regional Story.

## The Role of I/DD Service Providers in the New York State Economy

In 2021, the NYS Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) and the NY Alliance commissioned the Rockefeller Institute of Government to quantify the economic impact New York’s disability service providers have on New York state. Overall, nonprofit disability service providers (using 2019 data):

- **Generated \$14.3 billion** in economic output in New York state, including \$6.7 billion in revenues generated by the providers; \$2.5 billion in output for their suppliers; and \$5.1 billion related to employee spending;
- **Supported 194,977 full-time jobs** with service providers, their suppliers, and in the regional economy; and
- **Contributed \$2.2 billion** in federal and state tax revenues.

So, the role of the I/DD provider community goes well beyond providing quality services to 131,000 individuals with an intellectual and/or developmental disability. **We are major contributors to the economic vitality of each region of the state. In fact, in some communities of our state, we are the largest employer.**

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