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New York Regional Disability Population Report #4

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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 Kings & Queens WIPA Office Area

There are approximately 3,146,800 persons ages 16-64 living in Kings & Queens. Of this population, approximately 9.2% or 289,600 have a disability. Kings & Queens accounts for approximately 21.6% of the total New York state disability population ages 16-64.

The American Community Survey

The data used to identify this group were taken 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, 57.8% (167,300) report more than one of disability type.

Kings & Queens Population with Disabilities, Ages 16-64 (ACS 2005-2007)			
Type	Definition (Question asked on ACS to Determine Disability)	% of area pop.	# 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...”	2.0%	31,900
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”.	5.5%	88,900
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 ...”	3.5%	56,600
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...”	1.4%	23,400
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?”	2.3%	38,000
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?”	5.4%	88,300

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. Using the information available in the 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 289,600 persons ages 16-64 with a disability living in Kings & Queens:

- 83.4% are US citizens
- 78.8% do not receive SSI
- 57.8% live at 250% of poverty level or less

Altogether, 31.3% of persons ages 16-64 with disabilities living in Kings & Queens (about 90,600 people) fulfill all three criteria above.

The 90,600 potential MBI-WPD account for 19.2% 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 59.3% (53,700) reported more than one disability type, the total will add up to more than 100%.

Disability Type	Percent	Number
Sensory	19.0	17,200
Physical	62.8	56,900
Mental	33.2	30,100
Self-care	18.1	16,400
Go-outside-home	29.9	27,100
Employment Disability	61.1	55,400

Gender	Percent	Number
Women	56.8	51,500
Men	43.3	39,200

Age category	Percent	Number
16-20	7.6	6,900
21-35	13.0	11,800
36-50	33.0	29,900
51-64	46.5	42,100

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

Of the potential MBI-WPD population living in Kings and Queens, 69.3% (62,800) are minorities. This accounts for about 31.3% of the total New York state potential MBI-WPD minority population.

Race category	Percent	Number
White	43.2	39,100
Black/African American	31.7	28,700
Native American	1.8	1,600
Asian	8.9	8,100
Other race(s)	14.6	13,200

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

Hispanic/Latino origin	Percent	Number
Hispanic	27.7	25,100
Non-Hispanic	72.3	65,500

Language Spoken at Home	Percent	Number
English	55.3	50,100
Spanish	24.6	22,300
Some other language	20.1	18,200

Educational Attainment	Percent	Number
Less than High School	36.2	32,800
High School/GED	31.3	28,400
Some college or Associates degree	21.1	19,100
BA/BS degree or higher	11.4	10,300

Employment Status	Percent	Number
Employed	24.1	21,800
Full Time (35+ hrs/week)	67.4	14,700
Part Time	33.0	7,200
Self Employed (part time or full time)	1.8	400
Not Employed	75.9	68,800
Looking for work	11.3	7,800
Not looking for work	88.7	61,000

When last worked:	Percent	Number
Currently working	24.1	21,800
Worked in past year	9.3	8,400
1-5 years ago	17.5	15,900
5 or more years ago or never worked	49.1	44,500

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