

Importance of Medicaid for PWD

- Medicaid eligibility presumed with SSI disability determination; 2 year window before Medicare
- Essentially no co-pays or deductibles
- Medicaid covers long term care not covered by Medicare or other medical plans, critically important for PWD
- Comprehensive HCBS waiver programs includes extensive community supports as alternative to facility-based LTC
- Entitlement services with due process & appeals
- Medicare and Medicaid
 - Combined coverage expands provider network
 - In some instances, Medicaid will pay Medicare premiums for QMMBs if it is cost effective for Medicaid