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State Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Agencies Expenditures for Integrated Employment Services

In FY2004, the average expenditure per person for integrated employment as reported by state Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD) agencies was \$6,251 (Table 1). This figure has increased steadily since the mid-1990s indicating that states have slowly begun allocating additional resources towards integrated employment. However, growth in expenditures is likely a result of changes in federal law as opposed to changes in the amount of state dollars available to fund integrated employment. The Balanced Budget Act Amendments of 1997 expanded the eligibility for integrated employment services to all people served under the Medicaid Title XIX Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver. Between FY1996 and FY2004 state, county, or local MR/DD agency expenditures remained constant, while Title XIX waiver expenditures per person for integrated employment increased nearly 250%. It is expected that more recently enacted federal policies such as the New Freedom Initiative (2001) will continue to encourage states to make use of federal Medicaid dollars to fund integrated employment, and likely perpetuate these trends. Overall, states have increased per-person integrated employment expenditures; however, there is significant variation across states and funding sources (Table 2). The per-person expenditure for integrated employment, considering funds from all available sources², ranged from \$90 in Kentucky to \$14,541 in Connecticut. The per-person expenditure for integrated employment using Title XIX Waiver funds ranged from \$5 in Washington state to \$12,429 in Arkansas. The per-person expenditure for integrated employment using state, county, or local MR/DD funds ranged from \$256 in Missouri to \$14,364 in Connecticut. The differences in per-person expenditure for integrated employment are important to note but are not necessarily an indication of the quantity or quality of integrated employment services in the state. Washington state and Connecticut both consistently support a high percentage of service recipients in integrated employment, however the state's per-person expenditures are significantly different. The differences in per-person expenditures are more likely due to variations within each state's economy than the quantity or quality of integrated employment services.

Table 1: Average Expenditure Per Person Served in Integrated Employment by Funding Source (Number of states reporting data in parentheses)

	1996	1999	2001	2004
Title XIX Waiver	\$1,604 (14)	\$2,124 (30)	\$3,311 (29)	\$3,936 (26)
State, County or Local MR/DD	\$3,894 (17)	\$3,897 (24)	\$3,349 (27)	\$3,849 (25)
Average Expenditure Per Person (all sources)	\$4,730 (26)	\$5,003 (35)	\$6,188 (32)	\$6,251 (32)

Table 2: Average State Expenditure per Person Served in Integrated Employment by Funding Source*

STATE	Title XIX Waiver	State, County, Local	Total Reported Expenditures
AK	\$12,429	--	\$12,429
AL	5,950	2,205	8,155
AR	1,247	--	1,247
CT	--	14,364	14,541
DC	--	5,645	8,065
DE	6,496	4,016	10,511
FL	--	--	2,631
GA	3,316	3,132	6,390
HI	8,102	8,102	8,102
IA	--	--	1,952

ID	--	3,111	3,116
IN	973	--	--
KY	90	--	90
MA	8,895	3,669	12,564
MD	4,027	9,533	13,564
MI	--	4,605	4,605
MO	3,976	256	4,232
MS	2,098	1,884	--
MT	7,091	690	8,810
NC	2,774	2,010	4,784
NE	2,509	3,062	5,570
NJ	3,339	4,912	8,252
NM	5,876	816	5,876
NY	1,395	3,170	4,566
OK	5,108	970	6,078
PA	--	--	6,682
SC	--	--	1,762
SD	763	518	1,319

UT	4,733	1,878	7,059
VA	1,596	8,645	10,241
VT	4,924	6,054	6,054
WA	5	1,560	5,012
WV	578	1,431	1,729
WY	4,047	--	4,047
Average of States Reporting	3,936	3,849	6,251
No. of States Reporting	26	25	32

*States without data in any of the three categories have been omitted from this table.

¹ Data for this Data Note is from the National Survey of Day and Employment Programs. Since FY1988 the Institute for Community Inclusion has administered the survey to state Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Agencies. The work is funded by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities and is designed to describe the nature of day and employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

² Available funding sources include: Title XX Social Service Block Grants; Title XIX Medicaid ICF/MR funds; Title XX Medicaid Waivers; State, county, or local MR/DD funds; and Other funds.

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