

Examples of Early Intervention Demonstrations

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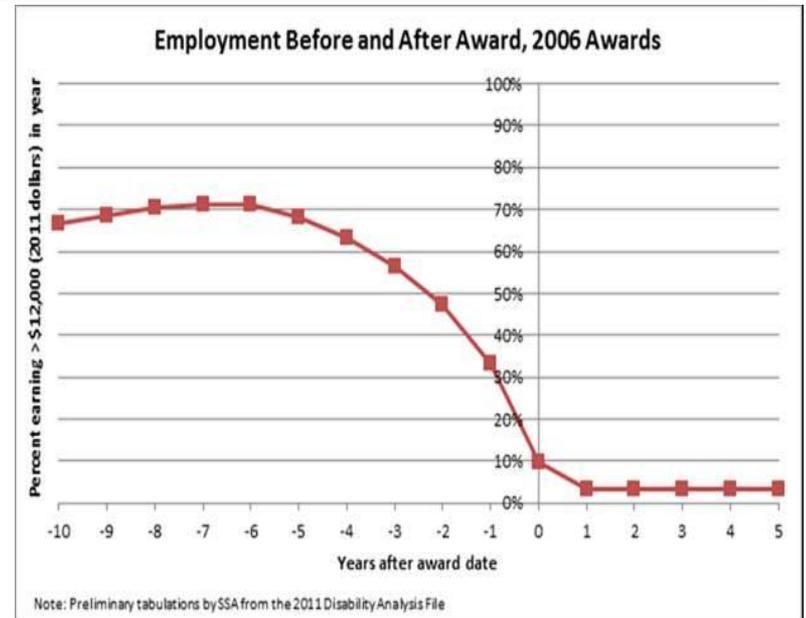
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Introduction

- The President's budget requests resources for SSA to support early intervention demonstrations
 - Partnership among Federal agencies
 - Demonstrations will focus on populations that may be at risk of ending up on disability benefits
 - Services will be designed to help individuals with disabilities remain in the workforce
 - Rigorous experimental design and evaluation will produce an evidence base for potential program innovations
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Rationale for Early Intervention

- Early intervention, before an individual fully detaches from the labor force, may be more effective
 - Health and earnings often begin to decline well before complete disability onset or receipt of DI benefits



- CMS's Demonstration to Maintain Independence and Employment (DMIE) showed some success
- Further testing of early intervention strategies is needed

Approach

- Examined proposals in the literature and consultation among federal partners
- Examined prior demonstrations and research to understand logistics, participation, costs, and potential outcomes
- Used available data so design is evidence-based using the latest information

Design: Initial Demonstration

- Provision of services: medical-vocational services
- Focused on identifiable and scalable populations
- Focus on population age 18-49 with mental illness

What Services Could be Provided?

- Several models to draw from:
 - Mental Health Treatment Study
 - Recovery After Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) Study
 - Individual Placement and Support with Recent-Onset Schizophrenia

What Populations Could be Served?

- Population age 18-49 with mental illness
 - 13M SSI disabled or SSDI are currently on the rolls
 - 2.6M are age 18-49 with a mental illness
- Denied applicants and VR participants not on SSI/SSDI
- Denied SSI/SSDI applicants
- Non-beneficiaries receiving VR services

Bigger Picture

- President's budget calls for funding of more than one type of demonstration
- One example: financial incentives to businesses for successfully retaining workers with health problems
- Another example: expand vocational services to participants in Health Homes

Discussion