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Abstract

The study examines budget/purchase experiences of participants in the West Virginia's Medicaid Aged and Disabled Waiver program who completed an application for the purchase of goods/services between September 2009 and August 2011 (n = 181).

Results indicate that people with disabilities are interested in and able to save for the purchase of goods/services that enhance their welfare.

We also learned that items related to improvement in personal functioning (e.g., dental work) and household equipment (e.g., washer) were requested the most.

Incorporating budget authority in long-term care delivery system may help the capacity of people with disabilities to meet their needs more efficiently.