

APPENDIX A

ACCELERATED BENEFITS DEMONSTRATION SITES

Based on an extract of data sent by SSA in November 2007, we determined that the 53 largest MSAs would provide a minimum sample of beneficiaries per site (35 beneficiaries) and provide a sufficient pool of eligible SSDI beneficiaries to meet the projected sample size requirements for the demonstration. Table A.1 shows the selected sites and expected sample size in each site.

TABLE A.1

Estimated Sample Sizes of New SSDI Beneficiaries Who Meet
the AB Demonstration Eligibility Criteria from the Largest 53 MSAs

MSA Name	Sample Size	MSA Name	Sample Size
New York, NY	217	Orange County, CA	48
Chicago, IL	185	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA	48
Philadelphia, PA-NJ	154	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI	47
Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV	128	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	46
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	127	Jacksonville, FL	46
Detroit, MI	122	New Orleans, LA	45
Houston, TX	118	Las Vegas, NV-AZ	44
San Antonio, TX	118	Newark, NJ	44
Dallas, TX	108	Providence-Fall River-Warwick, RI-MA	44
St. Louis, MO-IL	107	Oakland, CA	42
Pittsburgh, PA	106	Orlando, FL	41
Boston, MA-NH	99	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC	41
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	88	Rochester, NY	40
Phoenix, AZ	84	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	39
Kansas City, MO-KS	77	Hartford, CT	39
Atlanta, GA	75	Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point, NC	39
Nassau-Suffolk, NY	75	Fort Lauderdale, FL	37
Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	75	Richmond-Petersburg, VA	37
Baltimore, MD	72	Miami, FL	37
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	72	Louisville, KY-IN	36
San Diego, CA	66	Oklahoma City, OK	36
Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	64	Columbus, OH	36
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC	59	Sacramento, CA	36
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA	55	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI	36
Indianapolis, IN	53	Birmingham, AL	35
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH	50	Austin-San Marcos, TX	35
Denver, CO	50		
TOTALS			
Total Sample from 53 MSAs (monthly)			3,658
Total Sample from 53 MSAs (monthly*12)			43,896

Notes: The estimated number of new SSDI beneficiaries who meet the AB demonstration eligibility criteria are based on a November 2007 SSA administrative file of new SSDI beneficiaries who became eligible in the most recent month, meet AB eligibility requirements, and reside in one of the 53 selected MSAs. The November extract included all SSDI beneficiaries, including stock cases (i.e., those who were eligible prior to November) and flow cases (i.e., those who became eligible in the prior month). We based our projections on the flow cases needed each month. In addition, we developed an assumption for the number of flow cases that would exist in each site in the November file based on the relative proportion of stock and flow cases in Phase 1.

Effective July 2008, we ended recruitment in the Boston MA-NH MSA because of the state's requirement that all residents have health insurance. Effective September 2008, we ended recruitment in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA where insurance rates were higher than expected, resulting in too few eligible beneficiaries and participants in this site.