Title: The Impact of Disability Insurance: Evidence from Rhode Island

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Abstract: This paper provides new evidence on the effects of paid leave for temporary disabilities by exploiting income thresholds that affect program eligibility. We use comprehensive administrative data from Rhode Island to estimate impacts on a wide range of outcomes. Our analysis reveals that paid leave has no detectable impact on short or long-run measures of labor market activity, self-sufficiency or health outcomes. However, we do find that receiving temporary disability insurance increases future use of the program.