

FACT SHEET



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Money Follows the Person

Overview

The Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program began as a five-year grant award to shift Medicaid Long-Term Care (LTC) from its emphasis on institutional care to Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS). In 2005, prior to receiving the MFP grant, Georgia's long-term care expenditures were \$1.5 billion, with 70 percent expended on institutional long-term care and 30 percent expended on HCBS. The goal of Georgia's MFP Program is to increase the percentage for HCBS to more than 50 percent by the end of the grant period, which is December 31, 2016.

Through MFP, Georgia has achieved 2 percent growth in annual spending on HCBS. The MFP grant opportunity was made available as part of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and reauthorized under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010. Through the ACA, federal funds will allow MFP to operate through December 31, 2020.

Georgia's MFP Program

MFP is a joint initiative between the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) and the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Aging Services (DAS). The program's goal is to transition more than 2,405 Georgians by September 2016 from institutional settings to the community primarily through use of Georgia's Medicaid waiver programs – the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP), the Service Options Using Resources in the Community Environment (SOURCE) Program, the Community Care Service Program (CCSP), and the New Options Waiver (NOW), the Comprehensive Support (COMP) Waiver and the Community-Based Alternatives for Youth (CBAY) Program.

- Eligible participants include those who have been inpatients in a long-term care facility for at least 90 consecutive days and whose care has been covered by Medicaid preceding their transition to HCBS. Participants must also meet the institutional level of care.

Members must continue to meet institutional levels of care criteria after transitioning to the community.



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- Target populations include older adults (OA), adults and children with physical disabilities (PD) and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI), and youth with mental illness, which was added at the beginning of SFY 2014.
- MFP includes a variety of transition services that enable participants to move into communities of their choice.
- Participants work with field personnel to review MFP transition services and options for long term services and support.
- Field personnel assist participants in creating a transition plan, arranging for services for discharge and making the move to the community.
- After transitioning to the community, participants meet monthly with field personnel during the 365 days of MFP.
- Through MFP, the state has established a seamless information and referral process with the collaboration of various field personnel to coordinate transitions.

MFP Transitions

Eligible participants began transitioning into the community on September 1, 2008. By the end of 2016, 2,705 people are expected to transition to the community.

For More Information

To learn more about MFP, contact:

- DHS Aging and Disability Resources Connection at 866-55-AGING (866-552-4464)
- The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman at 888-454-5826
- DCH Money Follows the Person Program at 404-651-9961 or email at gamfp@dch.ga.gov