

**ILLINOIS MFP PROPOSAL**  
**Project Abstract:**  
*Encouraging Community Transitions*

Illinois is well poised to take advantage of the Money Follows the Person Demonstration. Key factors for success are in place: very active, legislatively mandated, Older Adult Services and Disabilities Services Advisory Committees; closer-than-ever collaboration between State agencies with responsibility for older adults and adults with developmental, physical, and psychiatric disabilities - and between State agencies and consumers; a high-powered Housing Task Force; and transition programs already in operation. Consumers and many LTC providers alike are aligned in support of the proposal.

In implementing Illinois' plans, we expect to transition nearly 3,500 individuals through services administered by the Medicaid and partner agencies over the course of the Demonstration. While we transfer qualified residents from nursing facilities into qualified community settings, Illinois will utilize the momentum of the project and the rebalancing mandate of the Advisory Committees to move forward on LTC support system transformation. Illinois will increase the percentage of spending on community services each year of the project

Activities in support of system rebalancing will include assessment of our broad knowledge base, data/information system improvement, creation of the MFP budget transfer mechanism, revision of income retention policies, assessment of barriers to community reintegration, development of a comprehensive housing strategy, exploration of institutional downsizing and conversion, enhancing quality management, coordinating provider and consumer outreach and education across aging/disabilities, and enhancing options for individual choice

Illinois proposes to address affordable housing needs across disability groups. The Illinois Housing Development Authority is critical member of a newly created State Leadership Team. For persons with disabilities, integration of permanent housing with consumer-driven supportive services financed through the Medicaid Program offers real hope of fundamental and enduring system change.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), Illinois' Single State Medicaid Agency, will serve as the lead agency for this Project, joined by the Department on Aging (DoA) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA). This collaborative proposal will enable Illinois to address several critical infrastructure issues and encourage ongoing exchange about strategies. Establishing a cross-disability perspective is essential and the Project will employ strategies that are broadly applicable across systems. There are also significant differences that must be recognized in planning for enduring systems change.

Illinois will also capitalize on federal encouragement to address the LTC support system needs of individuals with mental illness. Therefore, all of Illinois' adult LTC systems are engaged in the project. The project will utilize existing state plan, Illinois affordable assisted living, and development of a HCBS waiver or HCBS SPA to move forward.

The project is budgeted at \$65.8 million over five years.