

Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration

ABSTRACT

The grant will contribute to Michigan's rebalancing efforts and the direction set by the Governor's Medicaid Long-Term Care Task Force. The proposal reflects the priorities of the Task Force and benefited from input from the full range of stakeholders, including consumers, advocates, nursing facility providers and community-based service providers. The project will serve individuals who are elderly or have physical disabilities. Individuals will receive community services from either the MI Choice waiver for elderly and people with disabilities or the Home Help state plan personal care program, with transition services provided by the Single Point of Entry program, the MI Choice waiver program or Centers for Independent Living. The grant will be administered by the Medical Services Administration within the Michigan Department of Community Health, in cooperation with the Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services.

The grant will produce an operational protocol for transition services. This will be the product of collaboration between the state Medicaid program, the Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services, the Office of Services to the Aging, the Commission on Long-Term Care Supports and Services, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the State Ombudsman Office, the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, the Disability Network/Michigan, consumers and advocates, nursing facility providers, and community service providers.

The goals of the project are to (1) assist at least 3,100 individuals in transitioning from nursing facilities or hospitals to their homes or qualified community residences, (2) develop and provide housing coordination services to individuals transitioning to the community, (3) develop within the MI Choice waiver for elderly and disabled the option of receiving services in licensed settings, allowing for the transition of at least 600 individuals (of the 3,100 total) to qualified residential settings. The project will participate in the national evaluation and produce analyses of the fiscal impact, the systems impact and the impact on the lives of individuals who transition to the community.

The work of the project will be integrated into current initiatives designed to transform Michigan's long-term care system. These initiatives include the 2005 addition of transition services to the MI Choice waiver, the 2006 addition of self-direction options within the waiver, the 2006 initiation of a Single Point of Entry Program and the development of a demonstration program for a prepaid, capitated model of long-term care services.

The proposed budget requests \$67,834,345 in federal funds.