

State of Missouri: Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration
Project Abstract

The overall goal of this initiative is *"to support Missouri citizens who have disabilities and those who are aging to transition from institutional to quality community settings that are consistent with their individual support needs and preferences"*. This initiative will enhance existing efforts to transform the long-term support system that provides services for people with disabilities and will result in an increased use of home and community-based, rather than institutional, long-term care services. As a result of this five year demonstration the state will:

Objective #1: Transition a minimum of 250 individuals who have disabilities and those who are aging who choose to move to the community from state Habilitation Centers and Nursing Facilities to the community. This demonstration will include participants with significant developmental and psychiatric disabilities living in state Habilitation Centers and individuals with significant physical and aging related disabilities living in Nursing Facilities. Individuals who choose to participate will receive support and assistance to plan their transitions and to access needed community services (e.g. housing, medical care). Following the demonstration, participants will receive ongoing community services and supports (e.g. waivers, state plan services).

Objective #2: Eliminate barriers that prevent individuals currently residing in state institutions from accessing needed long-term community support services. This demonstration will improve access to a variety of important transition services (e.g. person centered planning, transition support funds) and community services (e.g. mental health services for individuals who experience co-occurring developmental and psychiatric disabilities).

Objective #3: Improve the ability of the Missouri Medicaid program to continue provision of home and community based long-term care services to individuals who choose to transition from institutional to community settings following this demonstration. This demonstration will address existing barriers to money following the person from institutional to community settings to fund needed community supports and increase opportunities for individuals to self-direct their community services and supports.

Objective #4: Ensure that procedures are in place to provide for continuous quality improvement in long-term care services. This demonstration will facilitate collaborations with existing state system transformation efforts designed to enhance integrated Quality Management systems that support consumer choice, consumer satisfaction, and positive systems changes.

This project will be accomplished through partnerships with multiple stakeholders that include individuals with disabilities and their families, state agencies, legislators, community providers, consumer advocacy groups, the University of Missouri, and others. The Missouri Department of Social Services Division of Medical Services, the single state agency responsible for the administration of Missouri's Medicaid Program, will have overall responsibility for administration of this project in partnership with the Missouri Department of Mental Health (Divisions of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities and Comprehensive Psychiatric Services) and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The ongoing collaboration and participation of these multiple stakeholders in the design and implementation of this project will be supported through the Missouri Personal Independence Commission which is charged with advising the Governor on necessary policy and program changes to assure that Missourians of all ages and disabilities have access to needed community support services.

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