

Project Abstract and Profile

In its role as the single state Medicaid agency and consistent with CMS' clear direction to MFP demonstration applicants, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) enlisted the support of a Workgroup comprised of consumers, consumer controlled organizations and sister state agencies, to assist in the design of New York's MFP proposal. The Department and the Workgroup have worked collegially in the development of the MFP application, particularly with respect to identifying barriers to transitioning individuals from institutional to community based settings and proposing potential solutions to overcoming those barriers in the context of the MFP demonstration.

The State expects to begin implementation of its MFP demonstration in January 2008. During the MFP demonstration, the State will serve individuals with disabilities, ages eighteen (18) or older and seniors, individuals who have resided in a nursing facility for at least six months. Given the above eligibility criteria, the State will serve multiple population groups including individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and individuals with mental health disabilities. New York State seeks funding for covering the entire period of the demonstration, with the first 12 months devoted to Pre-Implementation activities. It is projected that a total of 2,800 individuals will be transitioned over the demonstration period. The total MFP funding requested is \$82,636,864, of which \$27,200,000 represents enhanced FMAP dollars.