

Ohio MFP Demonstration – CFDA 93.779

Project Abstract

Ohio proposes a five-year MFP Rebalancing Demonstration to transition approximately 2,200 elders and people of all ages with disabilities from institutions to home and community based (HCB) alternatives. Ohio's MFP project will operate statewide to identify and serve Medicaid consumers with different care needs, but who have in common a minimum six month institutional length of stay, and the desire and capability to move from institutional to HCB settings with the right services and supports.

Ohio's MFP project will invigorate public and legislative debate regarding the right balance of Medicaid resources between institutional care and HCBS, and will examine the preadmission screening function for institutional entry. MFP will build on existing Medicaid HCBS waivers, state plan services and delivery systems, adding capacity and a coordinating "hub" for MFP participants. Ohio proposes to add HCB Demonstration and Supplemental Demonstration Services to facilitate a successful transition from institution to community. Examples include: independent living skills, peer support, benefits coordination, housing locator, service animals and home computers. Demonstration services will be phased out as people can be sustained through an HCBS waiver, Medicaid state plan, and other non-Medicaid services such as rent subsidies, food stamps, SSI/SSDI, etc. Ohio's MFP project will maintain and further expand opportunities for consumer directed care.

ODJFS, Ohio's single state Medicaid agency, will work in collaboration with Sister State Agencies, County MR/DD and behavioral health authorities, Area Agencies on Aging, institutional and HCB service providers, consumers, and a variety of advocacy organizations in the design, implementation and oversight of Ohio's MFP project.

Ohio's preliminary budget for the five-year MFP project is estimated to be \$65 million (state share) and \$157.9 million (federal share) for Qualified HCBS, HCB Demonstration, and Supplemental Demonstration Services and \$25.8 million for administrative activities (all funds).