

ABSTRACT

The state of Texas proposes to continue rebalancing its long-term services and support system so individuals have more choices in determining where they live and the services they receive. Texas plans to enhance its Money Follows the Person (MFP) and Promoting Independence Priority Population initiatives by assisting individuals living in institutions to live in the place of their choice.

For individuals in nursing facilities, Texas: 1) will build upon its current MFP Initiative and use the enhanced match to finance home and community-based services and improve outreach efforts; and 2) will target for transition individuals with complex support needs in general and through a new pilot focused on individuals with co-occurring behavioral health conditions. For individuals in institutions serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Texas: 1) will build upon its current initiative and use the enhanced match to transition individuals out of 14-plus bed community-operated intermediate care facilities and State Mental Retardation Facilities; and 2) will implement a new initiative to close nine-plus bed community-operated intermediate care facilities and transition residents to other settings of their choice, including community waiver programs.

Texas will use grant funds for enhanced match to provide home and community-based services to more individuals and to invest more funds in transition processes. Texas will use this grant to help transition 2,616 Texans over the next five years, of which 1,400 will transition from nursing facilities and 1,216 will transition from facilities serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The total budget for this project is \$179,464,601. Texas will request \$17,846,249 in enhanced federal matching funds.