

TAKE ME HOME, WEST VIRGINIA Important Program Update

The Take Me Home (TMH), West Virginia Program is a federally funded Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing and Demonstration program funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). There are currently 43 states and the District of Columbia participating in this nationwide demonstration.

The goal of MFP is to support efforts by state Medicaid programs, such as the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Medical Services (BMS), to give older adults and people with disabilities greater choice in where to live and receive long-term services and supports. Each state MFP grant program consists of two parts:

- A transition program to identify Medicaid beneficiaries living in institutions who wish to live in the community and help them do so, and;
- A rebalancing program through which states make system-wide changes that allow more Medicaid beneficiaries with disabilities to live and receive services in the community.

All state MFP programs, including TMH, must end their transition programs by the end of Calendar Year 2018. However, BMS plans to incorporate transition services and supports into the Aged and Disabled Waiver (ADW) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver programs beginning January 1, 2019.

In the coming months, the TMH Office will provide more information about these new waiver services. The public will have an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the waiver amendments the State must submit to CMS for federal review and approval prior to these changes taking affect.

In the meantime, it's important to note that the TMH program will continue to take referrals and assist qualified long-term care facility residents transition to the community.

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