

TAKE ME HOME, WEST VIRGINIA

Important Program Update

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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 demonstration 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 Waiver (TBIW) programs beginning January 1, 2019.

TMH made the decision to continue accepting referrals throughout the demonstration period. This ensures the availability of transition services and supports for people interested in returning to the community until the Waiver Transition Program is in place. The case of each participant served by TMH who has not transitioned to the community by December 31 will need to be evaluated to determine:

1. If they qualify under the newly established Waiver Transition Program, and;
2. The type and amount of transition services under the new Waiver program available to meet their transition needs.

The transition services that will be made available in the Waiver Transition Program beginning January 1 are in the process of being finalized. Additional information will be provided once the necessary amendments to the Waiver programs are approved. Referrals for transition services made on or after January 1, 2019 will be subject to the Waiver Transition Program requirements.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Marcus Canaday at (304) 356-4847 or by email at Marcus.Canaday@WV.gov.