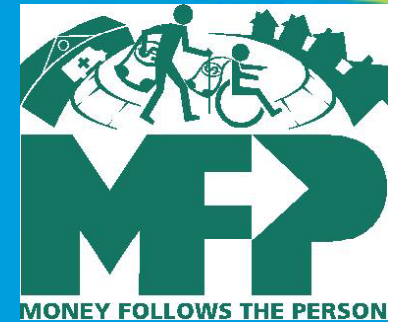




Georgia Money Follows the Person (MFP)



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What is Money Follows the Person?

- 11 year demonstration project funded by CMS
 - Single largest investment in Medicaid LTC
 - 43 States and D.C. utilizing \$2.25 billion
 - Grant through the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
 - Shift Medicaid long-term spending from institutional to home and community-based services (HCBS)

Goals of MFP in Georgia

- Medicaid-eligible persons receive support for HCBS in settings of their choice
- Increase use of HCBS waiver services
- Encourage self-direction of personal support services (PSS)
- Increase the ability of the State to provide HCBS
- Eliminate barriers in State law, State Medicaid Plan and State budgets that prevent or restrict the flexible use of Medicaid funds

Six Georgia MFP Benchmarks

1. Transition 1558 persons to HCBS waivers by CY 2015
2. Increase HCBS expenditures related to LTC each year
3. Reduce the number of DD beds in State ICFs by the end of the demonstration
4. Increase the rate of successful transition each year
5. Establish trusted, visible, reliable Point-of-Entry system
6. Increase the number of participants choosing self-directed Personal Support Services (PSS)

MFP Benchmark--Scope of MFP



Transition 1558 eligible participants

CY	Elders	DD	PD/ABI	Totals
2008 - 2011	104	350	164	618
2012	50	110	75	235
2013	50	110	75	235
2014	50	110	75	235
2015	50	110	75	235
Totals	304	790	464	1558

Target Populations and HCBS Waivers

- Older Adults (60+) may enter
 - Elderly and Disabled Waivers (CCSP/SOURCE)
- Adults with physical disabilities and/or ABI may enter-
 - Elderly and Disabled Waivers –or—
 - the Independent Living Care Waiver (ICWP)
- Adults and children with DD may enter the
 - NOW--New Options Waiver
 - COMP--Comprehensive Waiver



Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Most MFP participants will enter an existing waiver and must meet the following requirements--
 - Reside in an inpatient facility (nursing home, hospital or ICF) for at least 3 months
 - Receive Medicaid benefits for facility services for at least one day
 - Continue to meet institutional level of care criteria
 - Need HCBS services in order to successfully reside in the community
 - Transition to an approved community-based residence



MFP Demonstration & Supplemental Services (Slide 1 of 2)

- Peer Community Support
- Trial Visits with Personal Support Services or PCH
- Household Furnishings
- Household Goods and Supplies
- Moving Expenses
- Utility Deposits
- Security Deposits

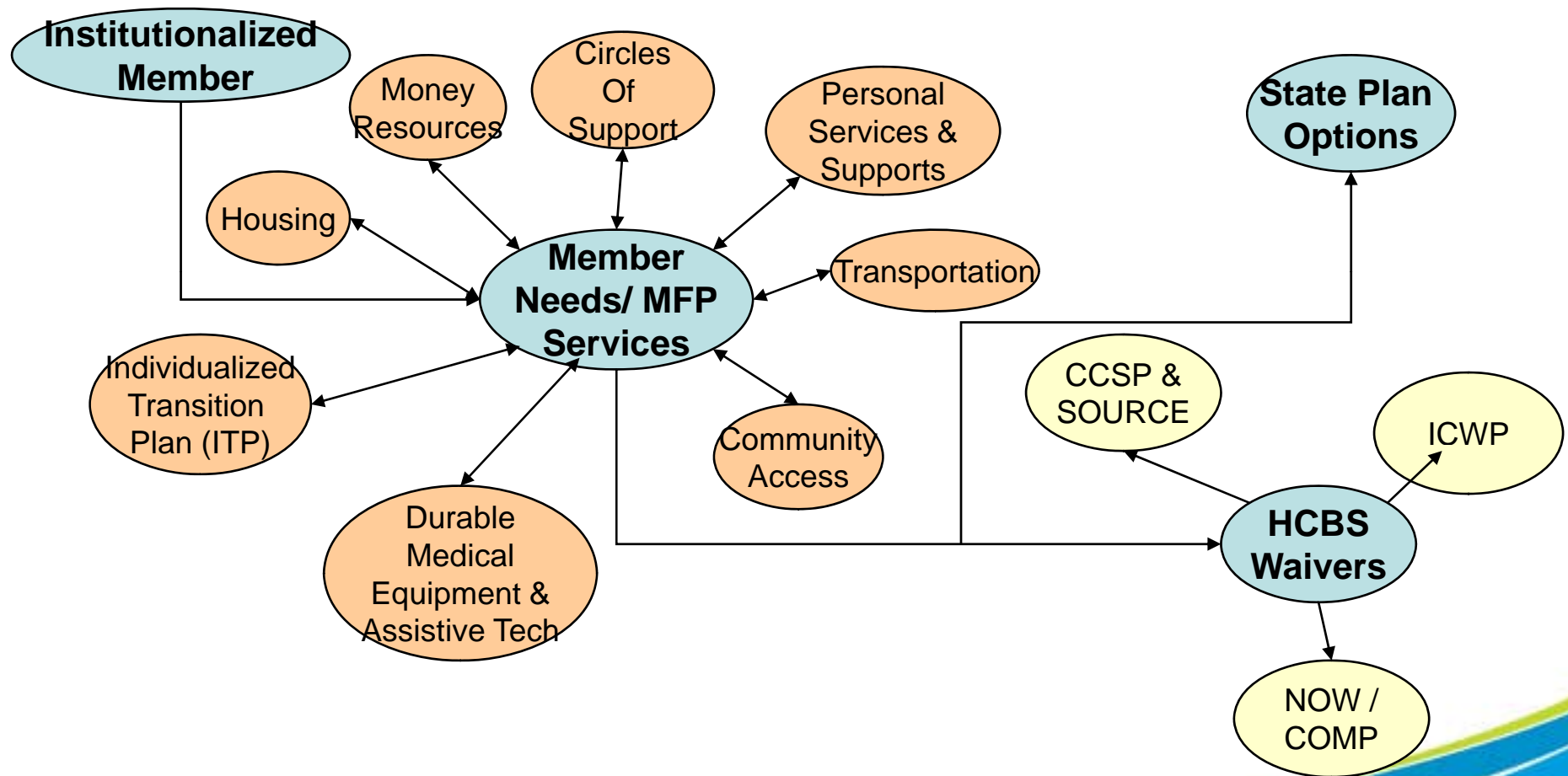


MFP Demonstration & Supplemental Services (Slide 2 of 2)

- Skilled Out-of-Home Respite
- Caregiver Training
- LTC Ombudsman
- Equipment and Supplies
- Vehicle Adaptations
- Environmental Modifications
- Transition Support
- Transportation



MFP Conceptual Model



Planning for Transition

- Outreach and Recruiting
- Screening and Referral
- Person-Directed Planning
- Circle of Friends
- Community Access (Housing, Transportation, etc)
- Self-Direction
- Support Post-Demonstration
- Quality of Life Survey and Evaluation

Transition Team

- MFP participant
- Transition Coordinator (TC) and Contact info
- Circle of Friends-family members, friends, etc.
- NF discharge planner
- waiver case manager
- Providers and other individuals as requested by participant or deemed necessary

Individualized Transition Plan (ITP)

- Person-Directed Planning and the ITP:
 - existing supports/strengths
 - goals, needs, and barriers
 - supports needed to live in the community
 - what MFP will provide (services)
 - action steps/tasks for transition and who is responsible for each task
 - budget
 - waiver service needs
 - signatures

After Discharge

- 365 days of MFP services from discharge date
- Waiver services begin on date of discharge
- Transition Coordinators make monthly contact
- Waiver case managers follow regular waiver procedure for contact
- LTCO may make face-to-face visits at 1, 6, and 12 months
- Quality of Life survey is conducted by surveyor at 12 and 24 months post-discharge

Three MFP Qualified Residence Types

- A home owned or leased by the individual or the individual's family member,
- An apartment with an individual lease, with lockable access and egress, which includes living, sleeping, bathing and cooking areas over which the individual or the individual's family has domain and control
- A residence, in a community based residential setting, in which no more than 4 unrelated individuals reside





Questions?

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