



**Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice**

**Ohio's Money Follows the Person  
Demonstration Project**

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## What is the Money Follows the Person Grant?

The following objectives for the demonstration project are outlined in the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005 (Section 6071):

- Increase the use of home and community-based, rather than institutional, long-term care services;
- Eliminate barriers or mechanisms, whether in the State law, the State Medicaid plan, the State budget, or otherwise, that prevent or restrict the flexible use of Medicaid funds to enable Medicaid-eligible individuals to receive support for appropriate and necessary long-term services in the settings of their choice;



## What is the Money Follows the Person Grant?

The following objectives for the demonstration project are outlined in the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005 (Section 6071):

- Increase the ability of the State Medicaid program to assure continued provision of home and community-based long-term care services to eligible individuals who choose to transition from an institution to a community setting; and
- Ensure that procedures are in place to provide quality assurance for eligible individuals receiving Medicaid home and community-based long term care services and to provide for continuous quality improvement in such services.



## What is the Money Follows the Person Grant?

- In January of 2007, Ohio was one of 31 states to receive funding for the "**Money Follows the Person**" (MFP) demonstration project enacted by Congress as part of the Federal Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005.
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- The demonstration grant period is from January 1, 2007 through September 30, 2011.
- CMS has awarded \$1,435,709,479 in grants to 31 states (phase one and two) with a proposed total to transition 37,731 individuals out of institutional settings.
- Ohio is the 4th largest grantee at "up to \$100,645,125" and the 7th largest in projected transition totals at 2,231 individuals over the demonstration period



## What is the Money Follows the Person Grant?

HOME Choice participation has three distinct periods:

Pre-Transition Period (period of time where activities occur prior to moving to the community)

Demonstration Period (begins the date of discharge and runs 365 days calendar days)

Post-Demonstration Period (begins day 366 after discharge from facility)



## What is the Money Follows the Person Grant?

HOME Choice Transition Program Participant Requirements include:

- Reside in NF, ICF/MR or hospital for at least 6 months
- Institutional Level of Care (SLOC, ILOC, ICF/MR LOC)
- Medicaid eligible at least 30 days prior to discharge
- Move to a qualified residence

Enrollment into the HOME Choice program occurs on the day of discharge.



## What is the Money Follows the Person Grant?

A Qualified Residence Includes:

- A home owned or leased by the consumer or family member
- An individually leased and lockable apartment rented by the consumer or family member
- A community based residential setting with no more than four unrelated persons.



## What is the Money Follows the Person Grant?

- Referrals to HOME Choice can come from a variety of sources (consumers, families, advocates, providers).
- ODJFS 02361 is submitted to the ODJFS HOME Choice Intake and Care Coordination Unit (HCICCU).
- The HCICCU reviews the request and determines whether state plan services are enough to assure health and welfare and if not, which waiver is most appropriate.



## What is the Money Follows the Person Grant?

*Services and Supports Build on Existing Infrastructure*

Home Choice Participants will be enrolled on either:

- One of Ohio's existing HCBS Waivers
- or
- State Plan Services



## **What is the Money Follows the Person Grant?**

Think of HOME Choice as a “wrap-around” program. A person gets services through the waiver and/or state plan and for the 365 day period, they get “extra” services only available under HOME Choice.

The “Extra” Services are:

- Independent Living Skills Training
- Community Support Coaching
- HOME Choice Nursing Services
- Social Work/Counseling
- Nutritional Consultation
- Community Transition Services
- Transition Coordination
- Communication Aids
- Service Animals



Where can I obtain additional information?

Visit the website at

<http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/infodata/mfpgrant/info.stm>

(webpage for technical aspects of the grant)

<http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/homechoice.stm>

(webpage for consumers, providers, case managers, transition coordinators)

or e-mail at [mfp@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:mfp@jfs.ohio.gov)

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