

Section 2939- MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON

POLICY STATEMENT	<p>The Money Follows the person Initiative (MFP) is a five year grant award to shift Medicaid Long Term Care from its emphasis on institutional care to home and community-based services. The MFP grant opportunity was made available as part of the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of FY 2006. Georgia's grant of over \$34 million in federal funds will operate from May 1, 2007 to September 30, 2011.</p>
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>The Money Follows the Person Initiative (MFP) is a collaboration between the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to transition over 1000 Georgians from institutional settings to the community through the Medicaid waiver programs: Community Care Services Program (CCSP) and Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP). Under the grant, the goal is for states to develop alternative long term care opportunities which will enable the elderly and people with disabilities to fully participate in their communities.</p> <p>MFP will provide necessary transitional supports for eligible members who choose to leave the nursing home and receive care at home or community based settings. Barriers will be removed to allow for payments of deposits for utilities/rent, adaptive equipment, and for transportation needs such as dialysis treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persons eligible for MFP include those who have resided in an institution for a minimum of six months and whose care has been covered by Medicaid in the month preceding their transition to home and community based services.• The MFP individual must continue to meet institutional level of care criteria after transitioning to the community.• The Long Term Unit located in DCH's Medicaid Policy Section will complete all class of assistance changes from Nursing Home to a Medicaid Waiver category for members who transition under MFP. <p>To inquire more about Community options or designing a transition plan from an institution, the A/R, or a representative can contact the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) at 404-657-2700. The AAA office serving their area will assist them.</p>