

Money Follows The Person Demonstration

Description:

Money Follows the Person is a demonstration project administered by the Department of Social Services that is intended to aid in rebalancing Connecticut's long-term care system so that individuals have maximum independence and freedom of choice regarding where they live and receive support services. The demonstration's advancement toward choice and reduced reliance on institutional care is measured by the attainment of five annual benchmarks. These benchmarks are:

1. Transition of 700 Medicaid-eligible older adults and persons with disabilities from nursing homes or other institutions to the community to receive support and services at home.
2. Increase funds for home and community-based services to help assure that sufficient community-based options are available to help people receive care at home rather than in a nursing home.
3. Increase the percentage of people receiving long-term care services in the community relative to the number of persons in institutions.
4. Decrease hospital discharges to nursing facilities, among those requiring care after discharge, by using a new screening system that will improve the assessment and appropriateness of placement.
5. Increase the probability of persons returning to the community within the first six months of institutional admission. Transitional services will be available for Medicaid-eligible persons who do not qualify for the demonstration, who are at risk of long-term institutional stays and who wish to return to the community.

An integral element of the demonstration is the transitioning of eligible persons from nursing homes to the community. Transition coordinators provide one-on-one assistance with this move. They help individuals with directing community supports, navigating systems and accessing resources. Housing coordinators help locate apartments and acceptable living arrangements; rental assistance is available for those who qualify. Assistive technology is also available to enhance independence. In October 2008, the demonstration added a range of home and community-based services defined in the following waivers: personal care assistance waiver, acquired brain injury waiver, elder waiver, mental illness waiver, independent family support waiver and comprehensive waiver.

Applicants are screened to verify that they live in institutions and that they are approved for Medicaid or have a Medicaid application pending. Applicants who meet these criteria are forwarded to a transition coordinator and a needs assessment for community services is initiated. Final determination for participation in the demonstration is based

upon a functional and financial community assessment; this determination takes approximately 60 to 90 days. Applications are available on the Department of Social Services website.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be Medicaid-eligible or have a Medicaid application pending.
- Must be a nursing home resident for at least six months.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

N/A

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