

MFP Sustainability Planning



MARCH 2, 2015

Goals for Today's Meeting



- **Today's meeting is for discussion about:**
 - CMS sustainability plan requirements
 - What initiatives are considered vital to meet the MFP goals?
 - What additional information is needed to make decisions on the various rebalancing initiatives
 - What else do we need to learn by the end of the demonstration to make our recommendations for continued services or initiatives?
 - Proposing additional methods of meeting MFP goals
- **No final decisions will be made today**

Background



- Statutorily, CMS is only authorized to provide the funding appropriation to MFP states through Federal Fiscal Year 2016.
- This is not a new requirement; this has been clearly stated since the demonstration was extended through the Affordable Care Act.
- This is our opportunity to plan for the future.

Timeframe



- States must submit their sustainability plans to CMS by April 30, 2015
- CMS approves sustainability plans by August 1, 2015
- States submit the final supplemental budget request along with the approved sustainability plan by October 1, 2015

Transitions



- An individual's MFP participation is 365 days
- All states are to transition MFP participants through December 31, 2017, with services and enhanced match during their participation year ending December 31, 2018.
- States can request to transition MFP participants through December 31, 2018, with services and enhanced match during their participation year ending December 31, 2019.
- The last possible date of MFP participation is December 31, 2019.

Mandatory Plan Activities



- Continue to improve and sustain MFP transition activities and transitions through December 31, 2017 and services through December 31, 2018;
- Indicate if the state is planning to continue to provide transition services and identify and budget for the cost to transition from the grantee's current MFP program into a new or existing Medicaid authority for the participants interested in transitioning to the community after the last day of service funding;
- Account for how the remainder of all rebalancing funds will be utilized prior to the end of the grant period;
- Engage external stakeholders in the development of the final sustainability planning process;
- Include funds necessary to continue the submission of all MFP grant and programmatic reporting requirements as listed in the MFP Timeline.

Optional Plan Activities



- **Expand accessible Home and Community Based Services;**
- **Develop and maintain new program activities and policies;**
- **Advance and preserve systems that support transitions among settings and services;**
- **Design and implement or expand a comprehensive Single Entry/No Wrong Door Systems for assessing community-based Long-Term Supports and Services (LTSS);**
- **Create and expand a person-centered planning and service delivery;**
- **Enhance and advance employment supports for people with disabilities;**
- **Expand the supply of Direct Service Workforce and adequate supply of caregivers;**
- **Foster the continued development of an adequate supply of housing to support community-based living options;**
- **Improve or support quality assurance quality improvement systems.**

MFP Goals



- Increase the use of home and community-based, rather than institutional, long-term care services, referred to as rebalancing the system
- Eliminate barriers or mechanisms, whether in the state law, the State Medicaid plan, the State budget, or other requirements 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.
- 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 institutional to a community setting.
- Ensure that procedures are in place to assure the quality of home and community-based services provided to MFP participants and continuously improve the quality of such services.

Prohibited Use of Grant Funds



- **MFP rebalancing funds cannot be used to offset existing state, local, or private funding of infrastructure or services.**
- **Rebalancing funds are not to be used for expenses that will not primarily benefit individuals of any age who have a disability or long-term care need.**

Discussion



- What MFP goal(s) will the recommendation address?
- Is the recommendation already an allowable service?
- Does the recommendation offset existing state, local, or private funding of infrastructure or services?
- Does the recommendation primarily benefit individuals with a disability or long term care need?
- Does the recommendation primarily benefit Medicaid beneficiaries?

Questions or Concerns



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