



Money Follows the Person

Review of Draft Comment Letter



Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

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Overview

- Review of the Secretary's report on the Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration program
- Draft comments on report
- Next steps

Secretary's Report to the President and Congress on MFP

- The Secretary of HHS was required to send a final report to the President and Congress including the findings of an evaluation of the program, and conclusions on its conduct and effectiveness.
 - Posted December 4, 2017
- MACPAC's authorizing statute directs the Commission to review the Secretary's reports and submit written comments.

Key Findings of Report

- As of 2015, MFP had helped over 63,000 beneficiaries transition back to the community
- Estimated \$978 million in savings from 2008 to 2013
- Positive participant outcomes
 - Less likely than a comparison group to be readmitted to an institution
 - Participant-reported improvements in quality of life
- Funds were also used to create programmatic changes to promote rebalancing

MACPAC Draft Comments: Funding

- The final report does not provide a full accounting of MFP program spending.
- HHS should issue a supplemental report, including state-by-state data on:
 - the amount of grant awards received;
 - expenditures for beneficiary care;
 - staffing; and
 - other structural changes necessary for initial program development and implementation.

MACPAC Draft Comments: Administrative Data Limitations

- Incomplete data on individuals who transitioned through the MFP program due to state reporting delays
- MACPAC continues to be concerned about effect of Medicaid data lags on program monitoring and evaluation
- Supplemental report should provide program evaluation information for later years of the demonstration

MACPAC Draft Comments: Sustainability of Transitions

- Report lacks discussion of state plans to sustain transitions after the end of MFP
- Secretary was not required to compile or analyze sustainability plans in the final report
- HHS should make these plans readily available for analysis
- HHS should report on services that states may not be able to sustain given existing authority or other barriers

Next Steps

- Discussion of draft comments
- Submission to the Secretary and Congressional committees



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