



Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration Supplemental Funding Opportunity

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HCBS and MLTSS Gap Analysis
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Purpose of Today's Stakeholder Webinar



Purpose of Today's Webinar

- Present an overview of the Supplemental Funding available to MFP* state grantees along with CMS' goals
- Introduce DHCS' preliminary concepts for utilizing a portion of the funds to identify opportunities for enhancing and expanding Managed Long-Term Services and Support (MLTSS) capacity

* MFP is known as California Community Transitions (CCT) in California.



Purpose of Today's Webinar Cont.

- Obtain stakeholder feedback on DHCS' preliminary proposal concepts
- Solicit stakeholder input about additional concepts and priorities for using the available funding
- Receive stakeholder recommendations for additional ways the supplemental funding can be used to accelerate long-term care HCBS system transformation design and implementation



MFP Supplemental Funding Opportunity Overview



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- CMS announced supplemental funding of up to \$165 million for states currently operating MFP Demonstration Programs.
- Each state is eligible to receive \$5 million for planning and capacity building activities to accelerate long-term care system transformation design and implementation, and to expand HCBS capacity.



MFP Supplemental Funding Opportunity Overview

- The funding may also be used to support HCBS planning and capacity building in direct response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, examples include, but are not limited to:
 - Planning and implementing telehealth for nursing facility transition activities
 - Redesigning service delivery models to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection among MFP participants
- States must develop and submit a proposal to CMS to describe how the supplemental funding will be used to fulfill the objectives of the award.



CMS Goals and Objectives

CMS provided examples on ways states could use the supplemental funding, which includes, but is not limited to:

1. Addressing HCBS system and network capacity needs and determining the extent to which states can enroll new providers and expand provider types and/or services.
2. Identifying new strategies to increase community transitions.
3. Identifying and implementing a streamlined intake and enrollment process to align with the state's No Wrong Door (NWD) efforts.



CMS Goals and Objectives Cont.

4. Developing and implementing statewide training to increase MFP transitions, improve intake and enrollment processes, and expand services available through the HCBS LTSS systems.
5. Creating a statewide critical incident reporting system and process for all HCBS programs.
6. Building Medi-Cal housing partnerships.
7. Integrating of Information Management System improvements.
8. Assessing the need to increase provider rates.



Preliminary Funding Proposal Concepts



Align with Statewide Initiatives

- In developing the funding proposal, we want to account for and align with groundwork that was created through other stakeholder engagement efforts and initiatives, including the California Master Plan on Aging and California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)



Conduct an HCBS and MLTSS Gap Analysis

- Commission a statewide gap analysis study to develop a multi-year roadmap for implementing strategies and solutions for strengthening HCBS and MLTSS programs and provider networks
- Examine California's HCBS/MLTSS delivery system to identify opportunities for leveraging existing infrastructure to create a more efficient, comprehensive, and coordinated HCBS and MLTSS delivery system



Conduct an MLTSS Gap Analysis

- Opportunity to build upon work already being accomplished through the California Master Plan on Aging, CalAIM, and other current and preceding stakeholder initiatives, including:
 - Milliman’s Long Term Services and Supports Feasibility Study
 - Long Term Care at Home Concept



**Discussion:
Home and Community-Based Services
and
Managed Long-Term Services and
Supports
Gap Analysis**



Gap Analysis and Roadmap – Discussion Questions

- What key areas should be the focus of a gap analysis and multi-year roadmap?
- What existing resources/initiatives should be expanded and/or leveraged to conduct this analysis and roadmap?
- What data and information should be reviewed, collected, analyzed?



Gap Analysis and Roadmap – Discussion Questions

- What factors must DHCS consider to ensure the gap analysis and multiyear roadmap are effective in meeting DHCS' goals to improve the HCBS delivery systems?
- Which entities should be considered for conducting the gap analysis?
- What time bound recommendations should be factored?



Additional Ways to Utilize Funding





Discussion Questions

- In addition to the gap analysis/multi-year roadmap, what other initiatives or activities should DHCS consider for utilizing the available funding, taking into account limitations in terms of budget, feasibility, and timeline for expending the funds?
- How can DHCS best leverage and build upon ongoing efforts such as the Master Plan on Aging and CalAIM, respectively?



Discussion Questions

- What specific recommendations do you have for strengthening the HCBS delivery system transition process?
- What areas of specific training or technical assistance are needed to improve education for HCBS providers and/or self-directed care?
- Should this funding be utilized to address the COVID-19 public health emergency's system capacity and/or providers? If so, in what ways can this funding be leveraged for that purpose?



Timeline and Next Steps





Additional Feedback

- Submit feedback forms with recommendations for utilizing the MFP supplemental funding by email to California.CommunityTransitions@dhcs.ca.gov by December 16, 2020.
 - In the subject line enter “MFP Supplemental Funding Recommendation”
 - In general, recommendations should:
 - Never put the health, safety, or Civil Rights of applicants, participants, providers, nor local and/or state staff at risk
 - Comport with State and federal statute and regulations
 - Be achievable within existing timelines and systems
 - Benefit participants first