

REPORT ON MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON GRANT

(FY2009 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 246 of 2008)

March 1, 2009

Section 1774: The department shall provide the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on community health and the senate and house fiscal agencies by March 1 of the current fiscal year a report that details all of the following:

- (a) Expenditure of money follows the person funds to date.
- (b) Estimated general fund savings generated through use of money follows the person.
- (c) Total number of individuals receiving services through the money follows the person grant.

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Status Report
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The Money Follows the Person grant was awarded by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with a grant period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2011. In May 2008, Michigan submitted an Operational Protocol as required by CMS. This protocol provided a detailed description of transition services, quality management, billing procedures and other specifics of the MFP program. CMS approved Michigan's Operational Protocol effective July 1, 2008, at which time Michigan began drawing enhanced federal funding for those individuals transitioning from nursing facilities who meet the requirements of the Money Follows the Person grant (i.e. received institutional care for at least six months, eligible for Medicaid, and moved to a qualified setting). The table below answers to the questions specified in Section 1774:

**Table 1
Money Follows the Person Grant (MFP)
Cost, Savings and Participants
July 1, 2008 to March 1, 2009**

Description	Persons	Gross	General Fund	Federal
a) MFP grant expenditures		\$461,700	\$136,100	\$325,600
b) Estimated general fund savings from nursing facility transitions*			\$344,600	
c) Number of nursing facility residents transitioned under the Money Follows the Person grant	127			

*Note: The saving estimate compares the cost of care to the state general fund if the Money Follows the Person participants had remained in nursing facilities with the MI Choice program. The Money Follows the Person grant provides an enhanced federal match, of approximately 85% currently, for the cost of services during the first year of living in the community. Thereafter, participants remain in the MI Choice program at the regular federal match rate.