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From the LTC Task force
Recommendation:

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- “Money follows the person” is a concept that allows an individual to receive necessary services when they want, where they want, and how they want these services delivered.
Key Principles

• When “money follows the person” in the long-term support system, services, supports, and financing move with the person to the most appropriate and preferred setting.

• Supports can change as the person’s needs change.
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- The recommendation from the LTC Task Force states, Improve Access by Adopting “Money Follows the Person” Principles.

- Past and current grant objectives call for action to implement MFP and strong support for MFP from consumers and advocates make the initiative central to the work of the OLTCSS.

- These mandates form the basis for policy, programmatic and performance expectations related to implementing Money Follows the Person features to Long-Term Care services in Michigan.
MFP Projects

- Self-Direction in the MI Choice Waiver now supports 598 individuals.
- Nursing Facility Transition efforts have supported 1358 transitions from 2005 to December, 2008.
- Systems Transformation Grant Objective of Enacting MFP across the LTC continuum.
MFP Objectives

- Establish consistent spend down provisions across all long-term care settings
- Establish funding mechanisms that abide by the “money follows the person” principle.
- Amend and fund the MI Choice waiver to serve all eligible clients.
- Establish reimbursement levels that realistically and appropriately reflect the acuity level and need for services and supports the client needs, consistent with federal limitations.
- Establish equitable financial eligibility provisions across all LTC settings.
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Nursing Facility Transitions

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Reason Participant Left MI Choice
Self-Determination Option

- choice
- died
- into NF
- moved
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Nursing Facility Care
PACE
MI Choice
Adult Home Help
Personal Care Supplement
HCBS total
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* The Office prepared a historical review of the line Item structure of MI Choice line item since it’s start to show that it was rolled into the NF line at the beginning.  
* MSA prepared Sec. 1689 boilerplate reports that recorded the number of MI Choice transitions which could justify the roll up.  
* OLTCS documents the number of NF transitions by program.  
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*This Office submitted the MFP grant application to CMS and through the budget process to fund the federal | *New Home and Community service funds are to be phased | | |
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Money Follows the Person Logic Model (Incomplete)
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