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Fact Sheet

Roads to Community Living

Washington State's 'Money Follows the Person' Demonstration Project

Background:

DSHS was awarded a five-year "Money Follows the Person" grant from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the "Roads to Community Living" (RCL) demonstration project. RCL will provide specialized planning and services for people with complex needs who want to move from institutional settings to their own communities.

Goal and Timeline:

RCL will assist 660 eligible individuals who want to move from nursing homes, hospitals, and ICF-MRs to their own communities.

- Year 1 (Jan – Dec 2007) A consumer-based Collaborative Team and Key Informant groups shall assist DSHS with planning the program design, implementation and evaluation for the five year demonstration project..
- Years 2 – 5 – Eligible, interested individuals will be relocated into the community.

Amount Funded:

Washington State will receive approx. $5.6 million in new funding over the next five years, which will be paired with existing state and federal funding for a total of $27 million.

Eligibility

Those eligible for services are older adults, individuals with developmental disabilities, individuals with physical disabilities, and individuals with mental illness who :

- Are Medicaid eligible;
- Have resided in an institutional setting for 6 months or longer.

Project Strategies:

- Identify long-term residents of institutional settings who want to move to the community.
- Identify qualified community residential options.
- Create intensive transition planning and support for eligible participants starting before discharge and continuing into the community.
- Collaborate with community partners to provide work, housing, social and other needed supports.

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