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MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT

Money Follows The Person (MFP) funding extended for five more years

JACKSON, MS- (February 22, 2011) – Thanks to a grant award won by the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, a Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration program will be implemented. The federal government extended grants for these types of programs for an additional five years. Mississippi will receive \$37,076,814 in federal funding through 2016.

The MFP program provides individuals living in a nursing home or other long term care institutions new opportunities to live in the community with the services and supports they need. Groups benefiting from these home-and-community based programs include the elderly, persons with intellectual, developmental and/or physical disabilities, mental illness and those diagnosed with other debilitating conditions. These programs help individuals move out of institutions and back into their communities.

Medicaid Executive Director Robert L. Robinson stated, "We believe it is important for people to have options regarding their long term care. Many people would rather remain in their homes as opposed to staying in a nursing facility, and this program gives them that option."

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