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MEMORANDUM

TO: DMA Staff and MFP Community Stakeholders

THROUGH: Dr. Craigian L. Gray, MBA, JD
Director, Division of Medical Assistance

FROM: Tara Larson
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CC: Sandra Terrell, Assistant Director Clinical Policy
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DATE: December 22, 2010

SUBJECT: **DMA's continued commitment to the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project.**

I am writing to express DMA's full, continued commitment to North Carolina's Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project ("NC MFP"). With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, funding for the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project was increased and extended through 2020. This extended timeframe will strengthen North Carolina's efforts to create a stable, cost-effective, long-term care service delivery system.

As our state works to build cost-effective home and community-based long-term supports and to ensure its compliance with federal directives like the U.S. Supreme Court's Olmstead decision, DMA supports NC MFP in being an instrument of learning and a catalyst for systems change.

In this difficult economic climate, NC MFP will serve as one of DMA's primary vehicles for transitioning residents of long-term care facilities back into their homes and communities. While the future economic landscape is never fully known or guaranteed, DMA remains committed to advocating for the continuation of this Project, as we believe the Project's goals are consonant with fiscally responsible management practices around home and community-based services.

In 2011, MFP Project Staff will be working with community stakeholders and state partners to:

- develop preliminary, revised transition benchmarks that extend beyond our State's original commitment of 304 individuals;
- develop a strategy for effective use of the Project's Rebalancing fund;
- continue identifying barriers to home and community-based supports and support strategies to address them;
- support existing and renewed efforts that advise DHHS and our State on the strategic direction of long-term care services in North Carolina.

I ask for your continued support, participation and collaboration in this initiative and in our mutual goal of facilitating quality home and community-based supports for individuals throughout our state.

