Community-Based Alternatives to PRTFs

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Functions of the group include:

- Benefits & Coverage
- Long Term Services and Supports
- Pharmacy
- Community Systems Transformation

- Administer grants to States, conduct demonstrations and research & develop policy recommendations based on findings
Current grants & demonstrations

- Community-Based Alternatives to PRTFs
- Real Choice Systems Change Grants
- Ticket to Work Medicaid Infrastructure Grants
- Money Follows the Person Demonstration
- Balancing Incentive Program
- Hospital Discharge Planning Grants
Community-Based Alternatives to PRTFs

- Authorized by Section 6063 of the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005
- CMS awarded $217 million to 10 States (MS, VA, KS, MT, SC, IN, AK, MD, FL and GA) for 5 years (FL rescinded grant)
- Section 6063 also provided funding for a national evaluation of the demonstration
1. Did the demonstration result in maintaining or improving the functional level of children and youth in program?

2. Was the demonstration cost-effective?
Interim Findings

• Overall, children maintained or improved their functional statuses while in the demonstration

• The demonstration proved cost-effective
What happens next?

• There is evidence from this demonstration that informs Congress that the addition of PRTF as a qualifying institution for the 1915 (c) Waiver program should be considered due to the positive clinical outcomes and cost effectiveness as shown in the evaluation data.