



H.R. 7217, the “Improving Medicaid Programs and Opportunities for Eligible Beneficiaries (IMPROVE) Act”

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What’s the IMPROVE ACT?

The IMPROVE Act extends the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program which helps states provide key services to people with disabilities so that they can live in the community instead of in institutions and nursing homes.

The IMPROVE Act would continue MFP into the 116th Congress, Money Follows the Person (MFP) has expired and states are scaling back their programs and without re-authorizing MFP through the IMPROVE Act, key services will be eliminated which puts the lives of people with disabilities directly at risk.

The IMPROVE Act passed through the House of Representatives on December 11, 2018. The Senate needs to take action before December 31, 2018, which is the expiration of the 115th Congress, in order to build a bridge for the continuation of funding into the 116th Congress. This would allow for continued negotiations on a longer-term funding scheme.

What is the impact of Money Follows the Person (MFP)?

MFP has enabled over 88,000 older adults and people with disabilities living in institutions to transition back to their communities.

MFP has saved states money and supports states to build the infrastructure that improves people’s access to home and community based services.

According to independent evaluations by Mathematica, MFP participants report significant and lasting improvements in quality of life and community integration after returning to the community.