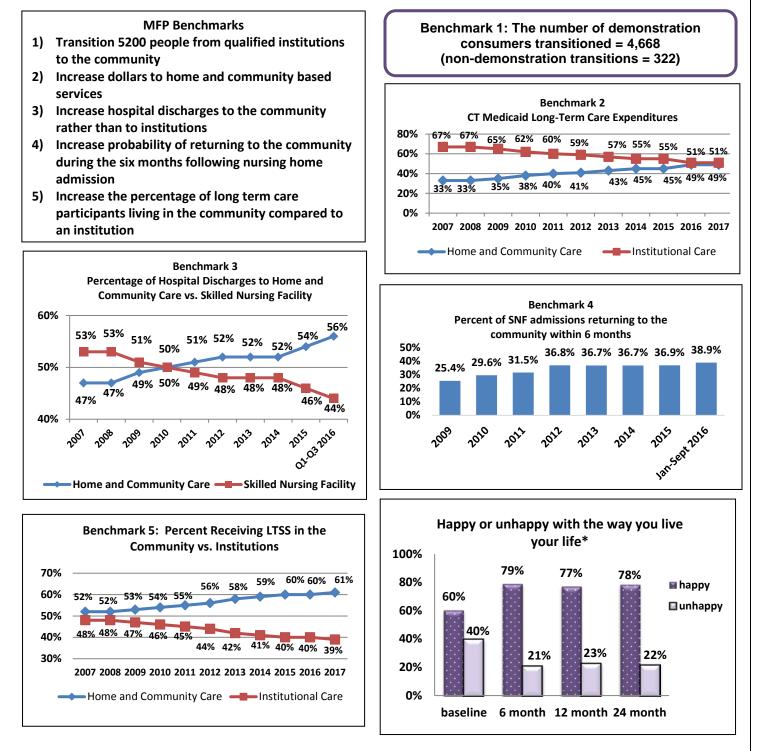
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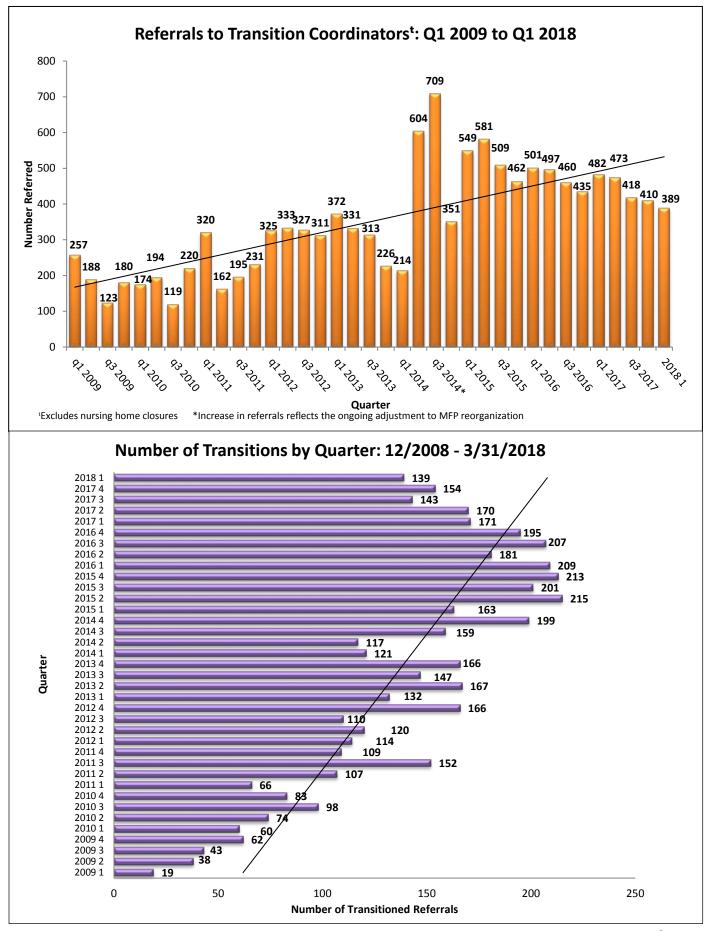
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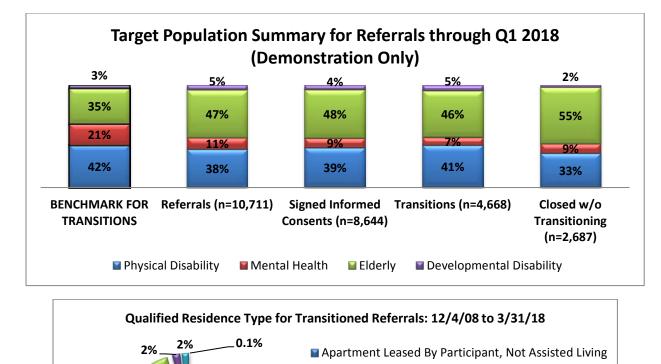
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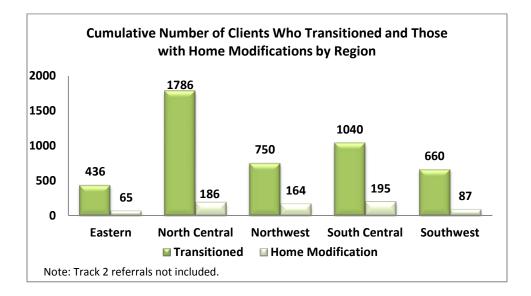


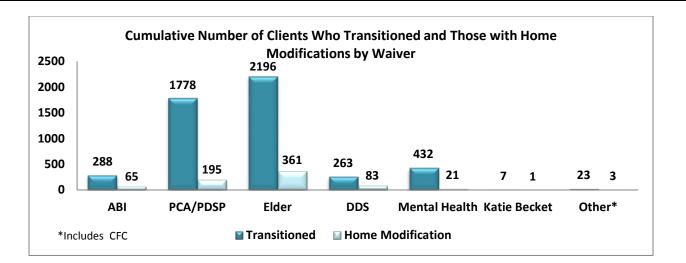


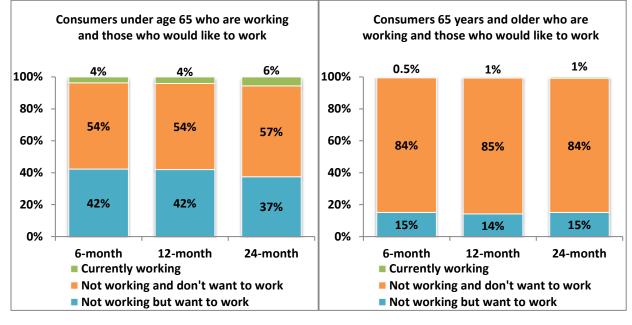


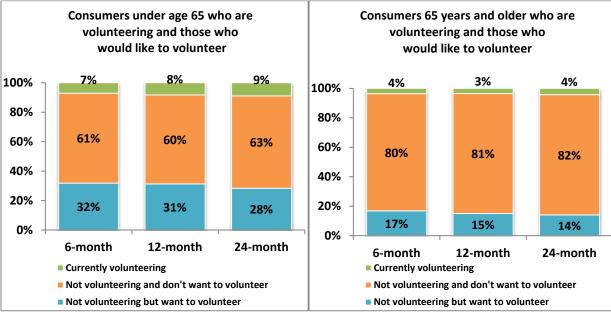


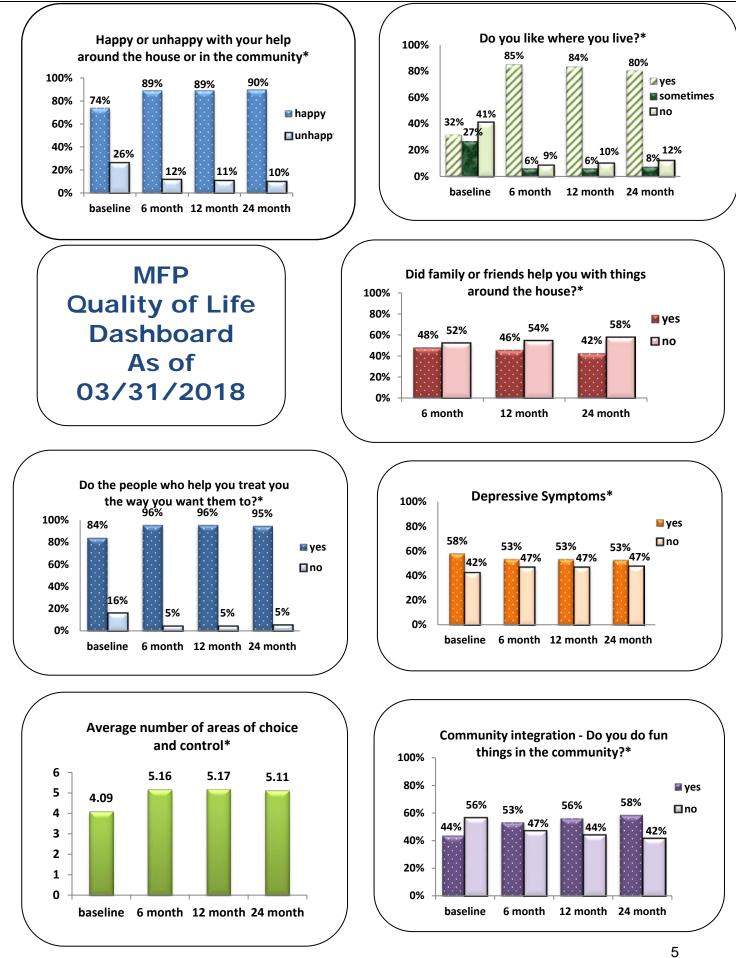
**<u>Reinstitutionalization</u>**: 12% (518) of participants who transitioned by March 31, 2017 were in an institution 12 months after their transition.\*



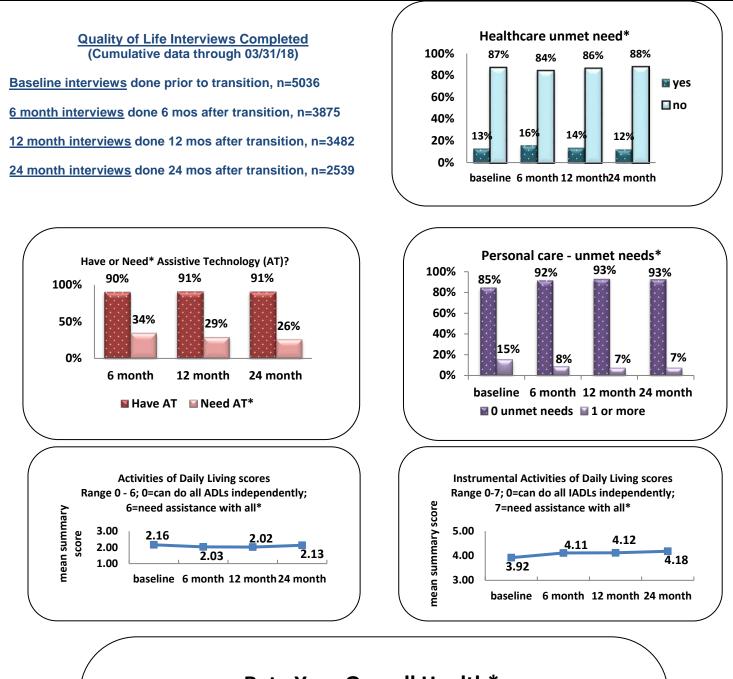


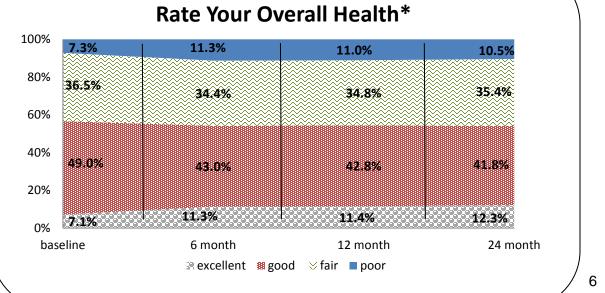


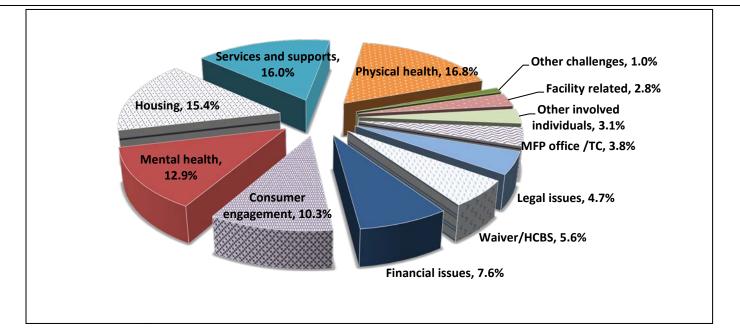




\*indicates statistically significant differences







#### Transition Challenges through 3/31/18

Transition coordinators (TCs) and specialized care managers (SCMs) complete a standardized challenges checklist for each consumer. There were a total of 14,320 MFP referrals to SCM Supervisors. Challenges checklists were completed for 9,683 of these referrals, representing 8,882 consumers. Excluding the referrals which indicated "no challenges," the challenges checklist generated 59,491 separate challenges. Of these, the most frequently chosen challenge was physical health (16.8%), followed by challenges related services and supports (16.0%), to housing (15.4%), mental health (12.9%), and consumer engagement (10.3%).

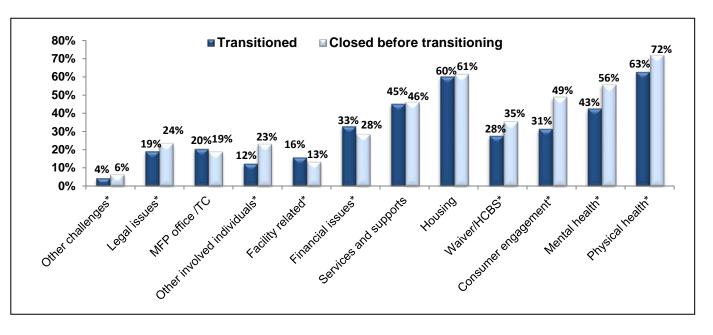
# Type of challenge by transition status

The figure below shows the percentage of each group (those who transitioned and those who closed before transitioning) which had each challenge. For example, of the referrals that closed without transitioning, 72 percent had a physical health challenge. Conversely, 63 percent of referrals that did transition had physical health challenges.

Nine of the twelve challenge categories had statistically significant differences between the two groups.

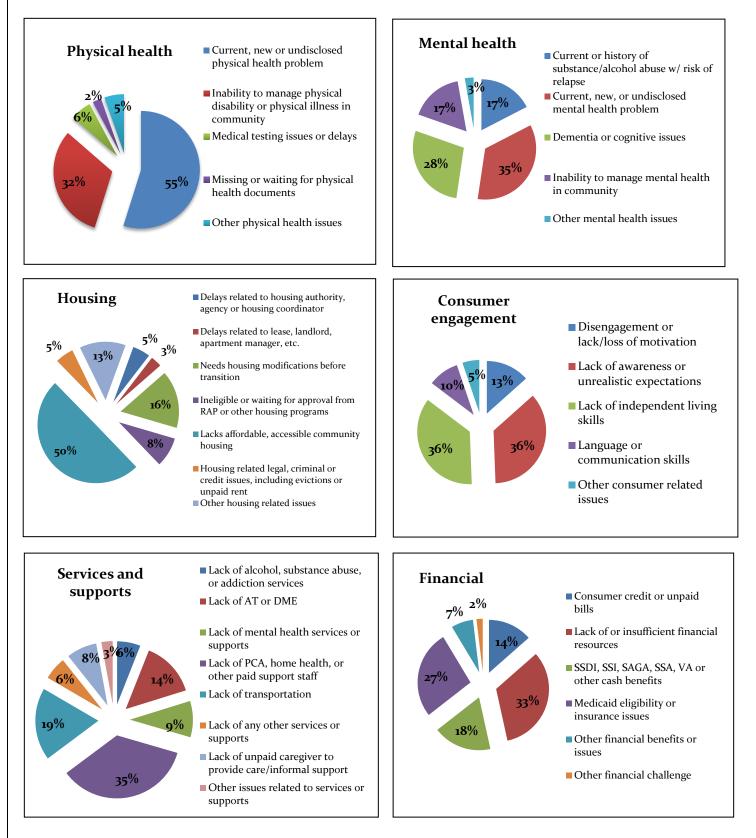
#### Be sure to check the LINK to the full Transition Challenges report.

http://health.uconn.edu/aging/research-reports

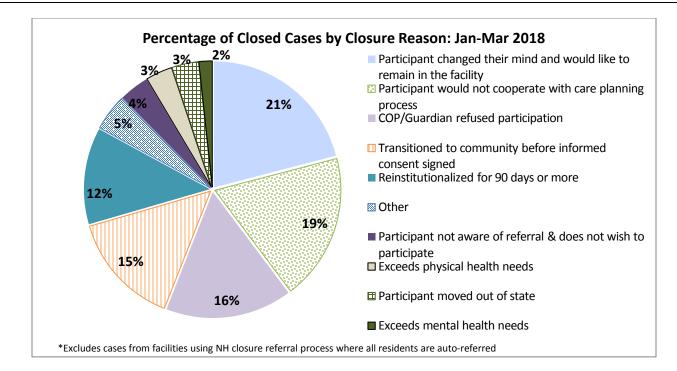


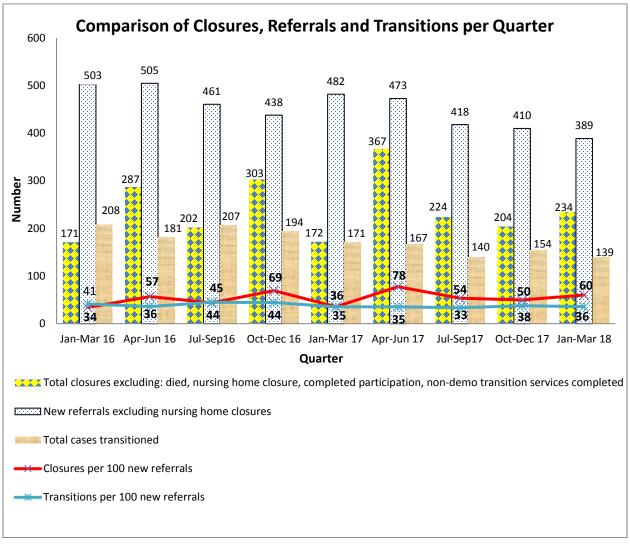
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## **Types of Challenges** — through 3/31/2018 Shown below are the six most common challenge types



For the full report on transition challenges through 3/31/2018, use the link on page 7 to get to the Center on Aging website.





### Keith Ellis wins through MFP!

It's hard to believe Keith was living in the woods just four years ago feeling depressed and hopeless. Today his life has turned around and he said, "instead of thinking woe is me, I think how lucky I am!"

After a bad series of events where he lost his car and driver's license, and without transportation living in a rural community, he lost his job. For the first time in his life, Keith went from employment in manufacturing to couch surfing then to homelessness.

A friendly and outgoing man, Keith found support from caring people. A United Services case worker helped him fill out forms to start state health insurance; receive food stamps and \$200 from SSI each month. It wasn't much but enough to buy his tent and move to the woods according to Keith. The manager at a convenience store allowed him to use their dumpster for his personal trash. Keith's sister brought him to her home on the weekends to shower, launder and shop for groceries. This lasted for eight months until his case worker found him a rooming house where he received 3 meals a day and a bed.

While homeless, Keith's health declined. The infection in his leg became life threatening. The rooming house manager called a nurse who put it on the line with Keith telling him he needed to have his leg checked or he would die. The manager then called an ambulance and demanded "either get in the ambulance or get out tonight!" They saved his life but he lost his right leg below the knee.

Other health issues kept Keith in the nursing home for more than 90 days. He said when he first learned about MFP he thought it sounded too good to be true. He hated the nursing home but through the help of his MFP transition coordinator and his United Services case worker, his new home was found. Not only did he receive housing but he received a payer to manage his bills, a nurse, and PCAs several hours a week. His first couple of PCAs didn't work out but later he hired his sister and a friend, which he's very happy about.



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#### **MFP Demonstration Background**

The Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration, created by Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005 (P.L. 109-171), supports States' efforts to "rebalance" their long-term support systems. The DRA reflects a growing consensus that long-term supports must be transformed from being institutionally-based and provider-driven to person-centered and consumer-controlled. The MFP Rebalancing Demonstration is a part of a comprehensive coordinated strategy to assist States, in collaboration with stakeholders, to make widespread changes to their long-term care support systems.

One of the major objectives of the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration is "to increase the use of home and community based, rather than institutional, long-term care services." MFP supports grantee States to do this by offering an enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) on demonstration services for individuals who have transitioned from qualified institutions to qualified residences. In addition to this enhanced match, MFP also offers states the flexibility to provide Supplemental Services that would not ordinarily be covered by the Medicaid program (e.g. home computers, cooking lessons, peer-tomentoring, transportation, additional transition peer services, etc.) that will assist in successful transitions. States are then expected to reinvest the savings over the cost of institutional services to rebalance their long-term care services for older adults and people with disabilities to a community-based orientation.