



# PARTNERSHIP FOR HOPE & MISSOURI'S ECONOMY

## The First Four Years



### What is the Partnership for Hope Waiver?

Partnership for Hope (PfH) is a county-based program designed to meet the needs of Medicaid-eligible adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities so they can continue living and working in their community. The unique structure of PfH allows the state and counties to split the state Medicaid match dollar amount, providing the state more funding for services than traditionally funded Medicaid programs.

PfH has the potential to positively impact not only those individuals who receive services and their families, but also the entire state of Missouri, as it draws new dollars into the local economy.



### What does PfH mean for Missouri's economy?

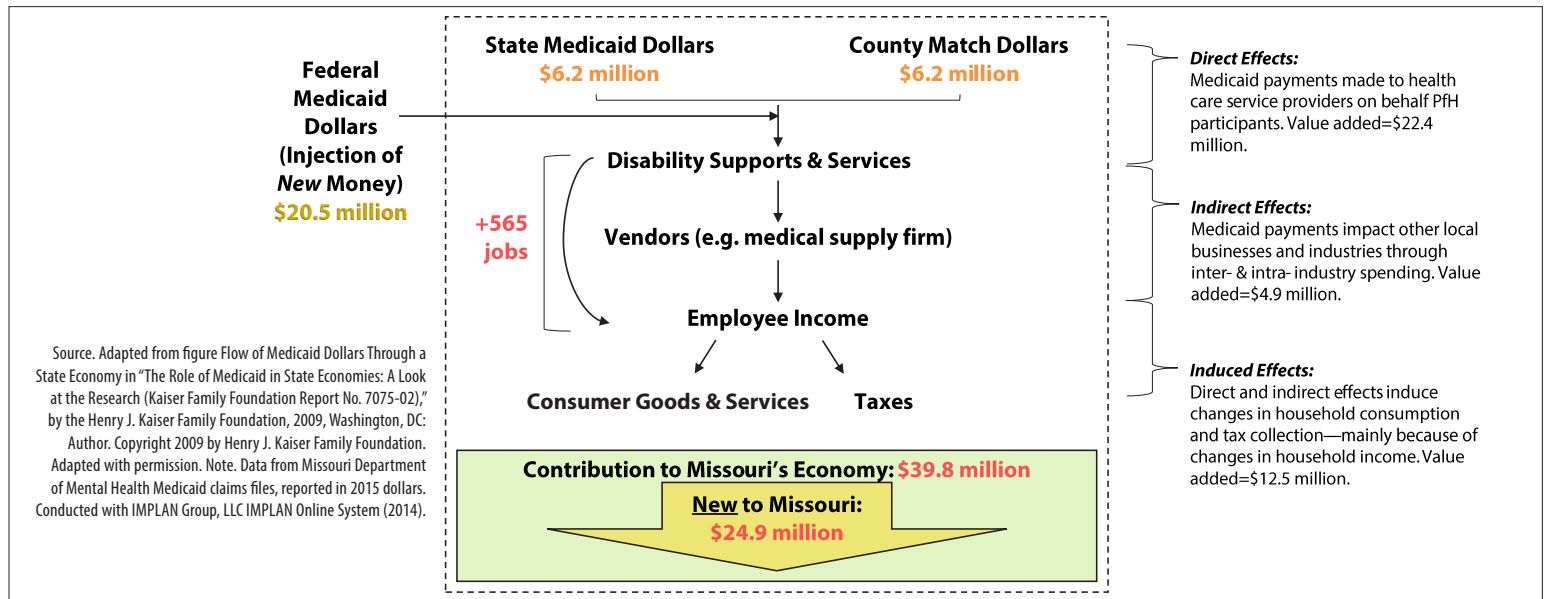
Table 1 details the total (federal, state, and county) expenditures for PfH services over its first four years.

Figure 1 models the economic impact of the PfH dollars based on the theory that a change in input into the economy (e.g. an increase in Medicaid expenditures) will produce a direct impact that will then "ripple" through other sectors of the economy producing indirect and induced effects.

| PfH Year                               | PfH Service Expenditures <sup>a</sup> | Participants Served | Participating Counties <sup>b</sup> |
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| <b>Year 1 (Oct. 2010 - Sept. 2011)</b> | \$2.69 million                        | 813                 | 84+St. Louis City                   |
| <b>Year 2 (Oct. 2011 - Sept. 2012)</b> | \$6.38 million                        | 1,325               | 95+St. Louis City                   |
| <b>Year 3 (Oct. 2012 - Sept. 2013)</b> | \$10.54 million                       | 2,004               | 97+St. Louis City                   |
| <b>Year 4 (Oct. 2013 - Sept. 2014)</b> | \$13.29 million                       | 2,338               | 101+St. Louis City                  |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$32.90 million</b>                |                     |                                     |

<sup>a</sup>In 2015 dollars. <sup>b</sup>Missouri has 114 counties.

**Figure 1. Flow of Partnership for Hope Medicaid dollars through Missouri's economy: The first 4 years**



Analyses of the economic impact of Partnership for Hope in its first four years indicate that a county and state investment of around \$6.2 million each (all dollar amounts reported in 2015 dollars, see Figure 1):

- Leveraged almost \$20.5 million in federal funds;
- Contributed over \$39.8 million to Missouri's gross state product (GSP)—of which, \$24.9 million are new to the state's economy (the economic impact of the injection of federal dollars into the state); and
- Created an estimated 565 jobs.

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## Why is Partnership for Hope important?

- PfH draws funding into the state, which creates jobs and fosters growth in the local economy.
- By allowing the state and counties to split the state Medicaid match dollar amount, PfH provides the state more funding for services than traditionally funded Medicaid programs.
- For individuals who utilize PfH funded services and their families, PfH creates the opportunity to access resources that most previously were not able to access. Many individuals who utilize PfH funded services and their families also experience improved quality of life.



## What are some key features of Partnership for Hope?

**ELIGIBILITY:** Medicaid eligible children and adults who live in participating counties (which is almost all Missouri counties) are eligible to participate in PfH. Priority of need is determined at the local level.

**INDIVIDUAL COST LIMIT:** The annual services spending cap for PfH is \$12,000 per participant.

**SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORTS:** An individual may self-direct some supports under the PfH waiver, which means that the individual or a designated representative can recruit, hire, train, manage, supervise, and fire employees, as well as manage the yearly budget allocation.

**TARGETED & UNIQUE:** PfH was designed to address the specific needs of Missourians and is made possible through a unique collaboration between the Division of Developmental Disabilities, county developmental disabilities resource boards, and Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



## What services are available through the Partnership for Hope?

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| <b>EMPLOYMENT</b>                      | Employment services support a person to learn about jobs, build skills to be successful in a career, get support when starting a new job, or have ongoing support during employment.   |
| <b>HEALTH</b>                          | Health services help a person access dental care, obtain special medical equipment and supplies, or get assistive technology to help maintain independence and well-being.   |
| <b>THERAPY &amp; SKILL DEVELOPMENT</b> | These services help an individual access speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, or day services and supports.   |
| <b>ASSESSMENT &amp; PLANNING</b>       | Assessment and planning services provide behavioral assessment and supports to foster social skills, independence, and integration into one's community. These services can also help families and individuals better understand and manage their services and supports. |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL ACCESSIBILITY</b>     | These services help families and individuals make modifications to their home, receive personal assistance to help individuals be more independent, and support transportation needs.  |
| <b>TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES</b>  | This service provides care outside the home when family members/caregivers need to be away.  |



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