

## CASE STUDY:

Diagnosis - Dementia

Waiver Type - Frail Elderly (FE) Money Follows the Person (MFP)

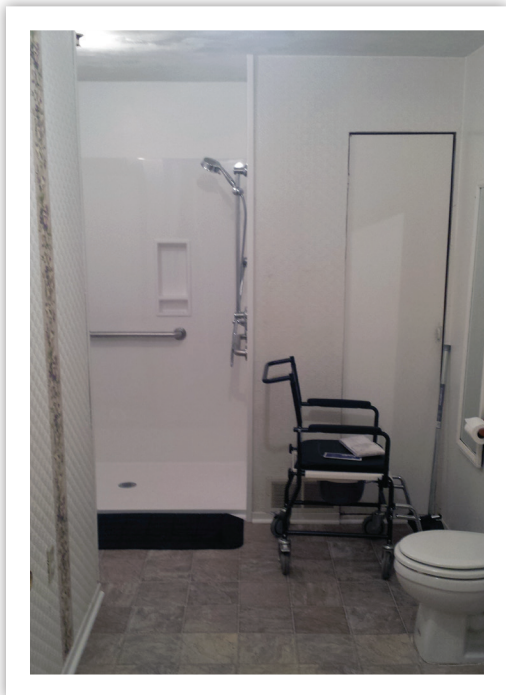
### VIRGINIA'S STORY

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Virginia has severe dementia and was living in a nursing facility. Her son was determined to bring her home. Virginia requires assistance with all self-care tasks including bathing and toileting. She can walk short distances with assistance and uses a transport chair inside her apartment for longer distances. She is unable to go up and down stairs. Virginia lives in a single level apartment with her son and a family caregiver. The tub/shower in the bathroom was on a platform constructed two steps above the floor level. There was a large post in the middle of the room limiting access. Unable to access the bathtub, the family set a shower chair in the middle of the room where she was given sponge baths.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

### THE SOLUTION

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A low-barrier shower with a handheld shower was installed and the post was removed. A rolling shower chair was also provided which allowed the family to transport her directly from the bedroom to the bathroom while eliminating the need for an additional transfer. Virginia no longer requires the assistance of two people to bathe and she loves being able to get in the shower. The family now feels they will be able to keep her at home permanently.