

A photograph of two women in a meeting, one holding a pen and looking at the other. The image is overlaid with a dark teal color.

Money Follows the Person

Authorized in Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-171), as amended by Section 2403 of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), the Medicaid Extenders Act of 2019 (P.L. 116-3), the Medicaid Services Investment and Accountability Act of 2019 (P.L. 116-16), the Sustaining Excellence in Medicaid Act of 2019 (P.L. 116-39), Sec 205: Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-94), and Sec 3811: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-136).

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Money Follows the Person (MFP) is a Federal program that helps Medicaid-eligible people — the elderly, adults with physical and developmental disabilities, and adults with mental illnesses — currently living in long-term care facilities; such as nursing homes, and other qualified institutions, transition back into to the community and receive home and community-based services.

Participants must be eligible for Medicaid for at least one day and living in a long-term care setting for at least 60 consecutive days.

Based on the participants needs, MFP provides the funds, services, and support needed for a successful transition back into the community. In addition to returning to their own home, housing options include individual apartments and assisted living facilities.

MFP pays for various expenses incurred when a participant moves into a more independent living space. Based on circumstances and needs, participants may be eligible to receive help with home modifications, rental deposit, and utility deposits along with one-time setup costs for a new apartment. In addition to help with qualified expenses, during the first-year participants are eligible to receive the following services:

- Tele-Home Care
- 24-Hour Help Line
- 24-Hour Personal, Attendant Care (for person with developmental disabilities)
- Home Modifications
- Supported Living Services
- Therapeutic Services

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