What is Money Follows the Person?
Money Follows the Person (MFP) is a federally funded program that helps transition people out of nursing homes and other institutions. Individuals who transitioned out of institutions and into the community had significant improvement in their self-assessed quality of life. MFP can also contribute to cost savings for states when individuals shift from institutional care to home- and community-based services (HCBS).

$110 Million is Available for States and Territories to Launch MFP
In March 2022, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare made $110 million available to assist states and territories that do not have MFP programs. This money will help states prepare to launch their MFP program. Each new state or territory can receive up to $5 million.

COVID-19 Demonstrated the Importance of MFP
Now is an especially important time for states to utilize Money Follows the Person. The COVID-19 pandemic had a devastating impact on nursing home and long-term care facility residents and staff, amounting to nearly a quarter (>200,000) of all COVID-19-related deaths in the U.S.
Long-Term Planning is Essential to the Continued Success of MFP

Due to short-term extensions of the program, many states that had MFP programs dropped them or reduced transitions. In 2019, MFP also saw a dramatic decrease (53.6%) in the number of annual national transitions. States with existing programs must dedicate more effort to transitioning Medicaid recipients into the community. Meanwhile, states without Money Follows the Person need to recognize the value of the positive outcomes associated with MFP and prioritize implementing the program.

Learn More About the Grant and Apply for MFP Funding

States and territories that do not have an MFP program can apply for funding to start MFP through the U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services.

Resources

MFP Funding Application
Webinar: Impact of MFP Decrease in Transitions
Mathematica Report

Sources for this Information


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