

Money Follows the Person (MFP) Overview

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Money Follows the Person

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is the federal agency that administers the MFP Program. MFP provides reimbursement for activities, services, and initiatives to help individuals in institutional settings, transition back into the community. **Money does not go directly to individuals.**
- Pennsylvania (PA) has participated in MFP since 2008. MFP has helped more than 6,000 individuals transition into the community.
- MFP funding has provided PA an estimated \$173 million to cover a percentage of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

Who Qualifies for MFP

PA enrolls individuals into MFP if they:

- Resided in a long-term care facility for at least 60 days **and**
- Transitioned to the community via a qualified waiver, Community HealthChoices (CHC), or the Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) program.
- *Individuals do not know they are in MFP.*
 - *Waiver or CHC enrollment, services, and provider payments are not affected if someone is in MFP.*

MFP Reimbursement

➤ Demonstration

- Allows savings to the states for HCBS services or initiatives not covered in state plan, waivers, or MLTSS.
- State receives enhanced match for MFP individual's HCBS for 365 days after discharged from a Long-Term Care (LTC) facility.

➤ Supplemental

- Housing- 100% for up to 6-months of short-term rental assistance, utility expenses, rental application fees, and start-up costs.
- Food stocking for up to 30 days
- Pre-transition activities, home modifications, vehicle adaptations, pre-tenancy supports, and community transition services.

State receives reimbursement for only MFP individuals.

Services can not be included in waiver, managed care, or state plan.

MFP Reimbursement

➤ **Administrative Activities-100% reimbursement**

- Improves transition and diversion efforts
- Incentive for Initiatives
- No commitment to continue after MFP funding ends

➤ **Criteria**

- Must be related to transition efforts
- Activities are not included in waivers or state plan
- Cannot be used for direct care services for consumers
- CMS approved proposals provided by Department of Human Services (DHS)

➤ **Examples**

- Personnel- State or contractual positions
- System transformation projects
- Outreach/Marketing/Conferences/Trainings
- IT Enhancements

MFP FUNDED PROJECTS

Shared Housing and Resource Exchange (SHARE) Program: The PA Department of Aging's (PDA) shared housing match-up program addresses the need for affordable housing options by matching senior homeowners with individuals who are seeking a home. SHARE operates in 13 counties.

Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy (CT-R) is available at Torrance and Wernersville State Hospitals. Staff receives extensive training on the use CT-R. CT-R and case-specific work helps individuals facing complex behavioral needs finalize the care service plans needed community discharge.

Nursing Home Transition (NHT) Trainings: Trainings and resident education sessions for 700 nursing facility staff to provide residents with information about the option to receive care and services in the community.

The **Capacity Building Institute (CBI)** educates, informs, and trains staff to identify and work with individuals who have a dual diagnosis.

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The **Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources, and Treatment (START) PA** is a community-based program that assists individuals with an intellectual disability or autism and have a co-occurring mental illness. START PA builds upon local resources, works to close gaps in the systems of care, and provides crisis intervention and response services and supports for these individuals in the community instead of in State Hospitals or State Centers.

Trauma Awareness and Intervention Programs are a collection of “micro-learning” resources about trauma-related issues that are updated and disseminated by the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Project via a hub-and-spoke knowledge-sharing network.

The state-wide **Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund** program is aimed at mitigating the perceived risks that landlords experience when considering renting to individuals with disabilities. The overall and intended net impact of this program is to increase this population’s ability to successfully secure rental housing.

Questions??

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