

# Money Follows the Person

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Your Life, Your Choice, Your Home.



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## What is Money Follows the Person?

Money Follows the Person (MFP) is a voluntary state project assisting seniors and individuals with disabilities, currently living in facilities, to transition back into their communities and receive appropriate services and supports.

## What Does MFP Mean to Me?

Some people living in facilities may think they cannot move back into their communities. The MFP Project gives individuals in nursing facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Mental Retardation (ICF/MR), and long-stay hospitals more informed choices and options about where they choose to live and receive services through either a Medicaid home and community-based waiver or a Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Overall, the MFP Project gives seniors and individuals with disabilities the freedom to choose where they want to live. No one, regardless of age or type of disability, is excluded from participation.

## Who is Eligible for the MFP Project?

To participate in the MFP Project, an individual must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Currently live in a Nursing Facility (NF), Long Stay Hospital (LSH), or Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Mental Retardation (ICF/MR)
- Have lived in a long-term care facility for at least six (6) successive months, including hospitalization periods

- Have been eligible for Medicaid for at least one (1) month at the time of transition
- Qualify for a PACE program or one of the five (5) following waiver programs:

- Elderly or Disabled with Consumer-Direction (EDCD) Waiver
- Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities Support (IFDDS) Waiver
- HIV/AIDS Waiver
- Mental Retardation (MR) Waiver
- Technology Assisted (Tech) Waiver

- Move to a “qualified residence” in the community. A qualified residence is:

- A home that an individual or his or her family member owns or leases
- An apartment with an individual lease, with lockable entrance and exit, that includes living, sleeping, bathing and cooking areas
- A residence, in a community-based residential setting, in which no more than four (4) unrelated individuals reside



## What Does the MFP Project Offer?

Should an individual choose to participate in the MFP Project and transition back into his or her community, the MFP Project provides access to the following Medicaid home and community-based waiver services before moving out of the facility:

- The development of a person-centered transition plan with the assistance of a Transition Coordinator (for the EDCD Waiver) or Case Manager
- Assistance with payment for up-front household expenses through “Transition Services”
- Environmental Modifications of up to \$5,000 to a home or an apartment, including ramps, grab bars, and door-widening

## Individuals, who choose to participate in the MFP Project, also may be able to access the following:

- Supplemental (non-Medicaid) funds for home modifications that exceed \$5,000
- Temporary rental payments while home modifications are being completed

## Who Should Be Contacted to Ask About the MFP Project and Transitioning to the Community?

### For Individuals Living In a Nursing Facility or Long Stay Hospital:

- Social Worker/Discharge Planner or Administrator in the facility
- The Long-Term Care Ombudsman at the local Area Agency on Aging
- An Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
- A Center for Independent Living (CIL)
- A Community Services Board
- A Local Department of Social Services

### For Individuals Living in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Mental Retardation:

- Social Worker/Discharge Planner or Administrator in the facility
- Case Manager
- A Community Services Board
- The DMHMRSAS Office of Human Rights