



Money Follows the Person Fact Sheet

Money Follows the Person (MFP) is a demonstration project that began in 2005 as a five-year grant award through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services. The demonstration project provides flexible funding opportunities to help states successfully transition seniors and individuals with disabilities from institutional settings to community-based living.

MFP is the longest running demonstration project in the history of Medicaid and has resulted in over 107,000 people transitioning from institutional settings (nursing homes, hospitals, etc.) back into their communities nationwide.

Since its inception in 2014, Montana's MFP demonstration project has assisted approximately 286 (as of January 2025) seniors and individuals with disabilities move out of institutional settings and back into their communities.

Eligible participants include those who have resided in an institutional setting for at least 60 days, Medicaid funding at least one of those 60 days. Participants must also be eligible for one of the Montana Waiver Partner programs (i.e., the Big Sky Waiver, the Severe Disabling Mental Illness Waiver (SDMI), or the Developmental Disability Waiver).

MFP assists participants with their transition into the community by providing demonstration services that remove barriers, such as, but not limited to:

- Provision of the rent and utility deposits when necessary
- Assistance with past-due rent and utility bills or deposits
- Purchase of household goods and services to include limited basic household furnishings, bedding, kitchenware, etc.
- Environmental and/or vehicle modifications

Participants must transition to an MFP-qualified residential setting. Such housing options include:

- A home owned or leased by a participant or their family member.
- An apartment with an individual lease, secure access, as well as living, sleeping, bathing, and cooking areas where a participant or family member has control.
- A community-based residential setting such as a group home with a maximum of four unrelated people (excluding caregivers or personal attendants).

To make a referral, please contact MFP:

- Email: MoneyFollowsThePerson@mt.gov
- Call: (406) 439-6870
- Fax: (406) 655-7646
- Submit a secure referral form via the [MFP website \(dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/mfp\)](https://dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/mfp).