

Choices For Care



# Money Follows the Person

*Your Choice... Your Voice*

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**VISION**  
*Hear their voice...  
 support their choice.*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To maximize autonomy, choice and dignity by providing access to a wide range of high quality, long term care options, that allow all members to live in their chosen community.

**Additional Assistance**



**Vermont's Center for Independent Living**  
 I-Line offers specialized assistance to help you achieve your independence.

**1-800-639-1522**



**VT Area Agencies on Aging**

**1-800-642-5119**

**Vermont Area Agencies on Aging Senior Help Line**

Providing information and assistance to Vermont seniors and their families.

**What are the Goals of MFP?**

- To encourage freedom of choice through person centered planning.
- To eliminate barriers and increase home and community based services to eligible people who choose to transition from an institution to a community setting.



Dial 2-1-1 for health and human services information.

## Who Will Help Me?

Your transition team is made up of an MFP Transition Coordinator, Waiver Case Manager, friends, family, providers and anyone who contributes to your physical, mental, and emotional well-being offering you assistance and support.



## MFP Transition Coordinators

Transition Coordinators provide guidance and assistance to help you transition back into the community. They will help you identify and overcome barriers and work with your health care team to get you the resources you need to be successful and remain in the community.



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## What is Money Follows the Person?

If you have lived in an inpatient facility, a hospital, nursing home or an intermediate care facility for at least 90 consecutive days and would prefer to live in your own home, apartment or group setting, you may be eligible for home and community based services (HCBS) through the Choices for Care Long-Term Medicaid Program.

MFP helps people return to the community of their choice with the supports that they need. MFP transition funds provide one-time financial assistance up to \$2,500 to assist with items and services not typically covered by Medicaid.

Transition Funds cover barriers such as:

- Security Deposits
- Household items
- Home Modifications
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Appliances
- Personal Items

Money Follows the Person provides services and supports based on the individual needs of the participant.



## Eligibility

Individuals who meet the following criteria are eligible to enroll in Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program benefits.

- Express a desire to live in a community based setting.
- Are a Vermont resident.
- Have been in a qualified inpatient facility, excluding nursing facility Medicare rehabilitation for 90 days or more.
- Are receiving Vermont Long-Term Care Medicaid when transitioning from the qualifying in patient stay.



## Person Centered Planning

Person centered planning empowers individuals with special needs and disabilities to make their own choice and direct their own lives. It focuses on the individual's strengths, goals, needs and aspirations, to put them in charge of defining the direction of their life. The individual is at the core of all plans and services.

## Home and Community Based Services

MFP participants enter the Choices for Care Medicaid waiver program immediately upon discharge from the nursing facility or institution. Choices for Care Long-term Care Medicaid waiver program provides individuals with long-term care services.

Services may include :

- Personal Care Services (including homemaker tasks)
- Respite Care (temporary break for unpaid care givers)
- Companion and adult day services
- Personal Emergency Response Systems
- Assistive devices and home modifications

## Where can I Live?

To participate in MFP you must transition into one of the following qualified housing options:

- A Home Owned or Leased
- An Apartment
- Adult Family Care Home - A housing option that provides continuous individualized supports in a family oriented environment.

