

Iowa's Money Follows the Person

The Partnership for Community Integration:

*New Choices for Iowans with
Disabilities and Their Families*



The Government Got Your Message!

People with disabilities of any age should have choices about how and where to get quality services.



What is Money Follows the Person?

- Iowa's Money Follows the Person grant is called the Partnership for Community Integration:
 - \$51 million in federal funds, with a \$9 million state match
- Expanded support for people in Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/ID) for individuals Intellectually Disabilities who want to move into their own place in the community. Individuals living in a Nursing Facility may also qualify.

...with the supports they need!



What is Money Follows the Person?

- Iowa's goal is to transition 56 people a year
- Iowa began implementation September 2008
- Funding for MFP is expected to continue through 2019
- 300 individuals have moved out with MFP support through May 2014



Who is eligible for MFP?

- Must be Medicaid-eligible.
- Must have been living in an ICF/ID or a Nursing Facility for three continuous months.
- Must have an Intellectual Disability diagnosis. Individuals with a Brain Injury diagnosis may also qualify.



Will I or my Family Member be forced to move?

- **No!** The Partnership for Community Integration puts the participant, his or her family member or guardian *in control* of all decisions.



Consumer Control Over:

- The choice of whether to move at all.
- The decision to begin planning for a move.
- The choice of community.
- The choice of where to live. (The place has to qualify as an independent setting.)
- The choice of roommates and whether to have roommates.
- The choice of service provider, including direct service worker.



What are these “expanded supports”?

- A “transition specialist” working with an ICF/ID or Nursing Facility resident from the first contact all the way through the first year in the new independent setting.
- One time only enhanced services such as
 - Security and utility deposits
 - Household furniture/supplies
 - Clothing



Is that all?

No! Expanded support to make sure there's a smooth transition:

- ✓ Careful planning by a team chosen by the MFP participant.
- ✓ Training for the community direct service workers.
- ✓ Trial overnight visits in the new living situation.
- ✓ Assistance with employment options



What about after the move?

Participants can get what is needed from:

- Medicaid State Plan services.
- The same home and community-based services that are in the ID and BI Waivers.

PLUS...



... more services and supports:

- Mental health supports, including outreach, crisis intervention and behavioral supports:
 - *Expanded* support for assistive technology if needed (such as computers, med dispensers, etc.).
 - *Expanded* support for Durable Medical Equipment.
 - *Expanded* support for home modifications, if needed for safety reasons.



... and finally:

- Nurses can be paid to train direct service workers or family members to do certain tasks in the home.
- There's help in finding a job or other meaningful daytime activities.
- MFP will pay for more clothes for work, if needed.



What happens after that first year?

- Participants make a smooth transition (no service interruption) to a Medicaid HCBS Waiver.
- The MFP participant will be changing from a transition specialist to a targeted case manager to assist with service coordination.
- Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) conducts surveys on quality of services and quality of life.



Questions?

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