

## MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON PROGRAM

### GOALS FOR MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON

- The goal of Money Follows the Person or MFP is to transition individuals from institutions to the community of their choice, by providing the coordination of services and resources to support their long-term independent living goals.
- A second goal is to increase the use of Home Community Based Services (HCBS).
- A third goal is to eliminate barriers that restrict the use of Medicaid funds to institutions rather than providing support in the setting of the individual's choice.

### WHO IS BEING SERVED BY THE MFP PROGRAM IN NORTH DAKOTA

Two populations are targeted: individuals with physical disabilities or who are elderly and who reside in nursing facilities and individuals with Developmental Disabilities who reside in intermediate care facilities.

### TRANSITION SERVICES

Individuals participating in MFP who are transitioning from a Nursing Facility will have 365 days of service from a Transition Coordinator (TC) from a Center for Independent Living (CIL) or from a Developmental Disabilities (DD) Program Manager. Individuals participating in MFP who are transitioning from an intermediate care facility will have 365 days of service and ongoing follow-up from a DD Program Manager.

### CRITERIA FOR MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON

- Individual wants to return to community
- Individual is Medicaid eligible for at least one day
- Individual meets Institutional Level of Care criteria
- Individual has resided in institution for a minimum of three months
- Individual, if transitioning from a nursing facility, scores 8 or higher on the MDS 3.0 cognitive assessment and does not have Alzheimer's diagnosis

### SUPPLEMENTAL DEMONSTRATION SERVICES

Supplemental services will assist with payment for one-time transition costs. These items or activities may include but are not limited to the following:

- Health and safety technology
- Security and utility deposits
- Home modifications
- Adaptive equipment
- Home/Apartment furnishings-linens, dishes, small appliances, furniture
- Assistive technology devices
- One-time modifications for a vehicle owned by individual

