



Money Follows the Person

NURSING HOME RESIDENT OUTREACH, IDENTIFICATION & SELECTION

Money Follows the Person (MFP) in DC is part of a Federal initiative to help people who live in nursing homes or hospitals to move out and begin a new life in the home of their choice. It is a demonstration project operated by the DC Department of Health Care Finance in partnership with the DC Office on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

Outreach

STEP 1: SCHEDULE A WEEK TO VISIT YOUR NURSING HOME & RESIDENTS

Using the following process: The MFP Outreach team will have a presence (be visible to residents) in your nursing home during the better part of a week. Actually, it would be more like two half days and one whole day. During the first half day, interested residents will convene as a group. Money Follows the Person will be explained and questions will be addressed. The next day and a half will be spent doing a “preference interview” with residents who are interested in participating.

Identification

STEP 2: IDENTIFY POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR TRANSITION TO THE COMMUNITY

In order to cull together this group of potential candidates, a variety of resources will be reviewed. Money follow the person will focus on a centered approach which will involve the resident needs and preferences. The MFP Outreach Coordinator will also look at MDS Data and collaborate with the MDS coordinator at your facility.

Selection

STEP 3: PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MFP: PARTICIPATE IN THE MFP LOTTERY

For those people who are found to be eligible, we will be looking at which housing & health resources they need to start preparing for the appropriate application processes, and for the MFP lottery. The lottery will determine who can participate from the list of those found eligible. (With limited housing & long

term care home health resources available through Medicaid, the lottery is a way for us to be fair about this.

OR

Option Counseling

STEP 4: PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MFP: REFER TO DC'S ADRC FOR OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED OPTIONS

Regardless of the situation, everyone has options. Along those lines, Money Follows the Person is just one way to reenter the community. For those residents who are found ineligible, or just want another solution, referrals to the ADRC can be made. The Outreach Coordinator is located at the ADRC, which is designated as the Local Contact Agency (LCA) for Washington, DC. There is also an Options Counselor there, as well as social workers who are trained to assist seniors (age 60+) and people with disabilities (18+). These workers can discuss other community-based alternatives with any residents who are referred.

All referrals need to come through the MFP Outreach Specialist/Coordinator. Contact information is below.



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