Supports available with Money Follows the Person

MFP won’t pay for everything, but most essentials are covered including:

• Transitioning home
  ○ Housing - bedding, furnishings, supplies, etc.
  ○ Security deposit
  ○ Minor home modifications for accessibility
• Transportation
  ○ Moving expenses
• Assistive Technology
  ○ Devices/resources, as appropriate

It’s YOUR choice! You have the right to...

...know your options.
...decide if moving is right for you.

To find out more:

Money Follows the Person (MFP)
Online: dss.sd.gov/mfp
Email: Sara.Spisak@state.sd.us

Dakota At Home
Online: dakotaathome.org
Phone: 1.833.663.9673

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What is Money Follows the Person?

Money Follows the Person, or “MFP” is a federally funded grant that provides options for older adults and/or people with disabilities living in nursing homes, hospitals, or other long-term care facilities to enable them to successfully return to their homes and communities.

Money Follows the Person helps individuals identify barriers to living on their own, helps individuals find a place to live that meets their needs and helps them find the services and supports they need to continue living there.

The program provides funding for one-time services and supports not typically covered by South Dakota Medicaid.

Who is eligible for Money Follows the Person?

Participation in South Dakota’s Money Follows the Person program is open to any adult who meets the following criteria:

• Is a South Dakota resident;
• Resides in a nursing facility, ICF or other institution;
• Enrolled in or eligible to enroll for SD Medicaid;
• Will reside in a house, apartment, small group home, or assisted living upon transition;
• Will receive supports via South Dakota’s Medicaid waivers (these Home and Community-Based Services provide in-home community care that helps consumers remain at home);
• Expresses a desire to live and receive services in a home and community based setting.

What is the Money Follows the Person process?

1. A referral is sent to the MFP Program Director at Sara.Spisak@state.sd.us. The form can be found at dss.sd.gov/mfp

2. A designated MFP Transition Coordinator will help identify needs, create a plan, and support in arranging community providers. They are experienced and dedicated to YOUR successful transition.

   • This process works best when you participate in the planning! Please share goals, needs, resources, as well as any concerns you may have in relocating.

3. The transition team identifies barriers and possible solutions to living in the community, as well as what services are needed.

4. As you move to the community, the MFP Transition Coordinator assists with initial needs and connecting to community supports.

5. HCBS Waiver Specialists, along with the MFP Transition Team, all share YOUR goal to remain successful in the community.