

Some Basic Answers to Some Basic Questions about North Carolina's *Money Follows the Person* Effort....



WHAT IS IT?

- It is a state demonstration project that assists people who live in *inpatient facilities* to move into their own communities with supports.
- The Project's intent is to support North Carolinians to have greater choice about where they receive their long-term supports.
- The Project also helps identify and address barriers to receiving quality, community-based, long-term care and supports.
- The Project is funded by Medicaid dollars through a partnership between North Carolina's Division of Medical Assistance and the federal agency, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING?

- **Community-Based Funding for Supports**
MFP participants receive personal supports and other services through Medicaid's Community Alternatives Program ("CAP") or the PACE Program.
- **Transition "Start Up" Funding**
Each participant may be eligible for up to \$3,000 in order to secure items and services needed to transition. These include: security deposits, utility start up expenses, furniture, accessibility modifications or other one-time items and services that may be required to transition.
- **More Options in Long-Term Support**
Participation in this Project is completely voluntary. The Project simply provides eligible residents of inpatient facilities an option to receive supports and services in their communities.

WHO QUALIFIES?

In order for a person to qualify for the Project, the person must:

- have lived in a hospital, skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility for people with developmental disabilities for at least three months AND
- meet the CAP program eligibility requirements AND
- be receiving Medicaid services before the transition AND
- choose to move to a “qualified residence.” A “qualified residence” is:
 - a person’s own home
 - a person’s family’s home
 - a person’s own apartment
 - a group home with four or fewer people.*

*in NC this option is only available under CAP MR/DD

The Project is not active in every part of the state and certain restrictions apply to the three month timeframe.

IF I WANT TO PARTICIPATE OR WANT MORE INFORMATION, WHAT DO I DO?

- **Contact the Project : 1-855-761-9030**
- **Visit the Project’s Website: www.mfp.ncdhhs.gov**

