**Section 3000, STAR+PLUS HCBS Program Eligibility and Services**

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**3520 Money Follows the Person Demonstration**

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**3521 Money Follows the Person Demonstration Introduction**

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The Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFPD) was implemented to eliminate barriers and enable Medicaid-eligible individuals to transition from nursing facilities (NFs) to the community and receive necessary long-term services and supports (LTSS) in the setting of the individual's choice. Participation in MFPD does not affect the type or amount of services received or the manner in which services are delivered. Individuals participating in MFPD receive the same services delivered to other STAR+PLUS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program individuals.

**3522 Screening Criteria for Money Follows the Person Demonstration Eligibility**

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The managed care organization (MCO) must apply the following screening criteria to determine if an individual is potentially eligible to participate in the Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFPD). To be eligible for MFPD, the individual must meet current STAR+PLUS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program eligibility criteria. In addition, the individual must meet MFPD eligibility criteria that requires the individual to:

* reside continuously in an institutional setting for at least 90 days prior to the STAR+PLUS HCBS eligibility date and be enrolled from a Medicaid certified nursing facility (NF);
* be Medicaid eligible under Title XIX of the Social Security Act;
* be transitioning\* from an NF into a qualified residence that includes:
* a home owned or leased by the individual or individual's family member;
* an apartment with an individual lease that includes living, sleeping, bathing and cooking areas in which the individual or family member has domain;
* Assisted Living (AL) apartment (Service Code 19);
* Residential Care apartment (Service Code 19A); and
* Adult Foster Care (AFC) home (no more than four unrelated individuals living in the home); and
* agree to participate in the MFPD by completing Form 1580, Texas Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project Informed Consent for Participation, signed by the individual or authorized representative (AR) and MCO staff, after explanation of MFPD and prior to delivery of services.

\*The MCO must include the AR in the actual transition planning, if applicable.

**3522.1 Screening for 90-Day Qualifying Institutional Stay**

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For purposes of the Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFPD), an institutional setting is defined as a nursing facility (NF), intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability or related conditions (ICF/IID), hospital or state hospital. The 90-day qualifying institutional stay may be met by a continuous stay in a combination of the settings. See also Section 3525, Documentation of the 90-Day Qualifying Institutional Stay Required for MFPD Eligibility in the STAR+PLUS HCBS Program.

**Example**: An MFPD individual resided continuously in an NF for 30 days, in a hospital for 60 days and then re-entered the NF for another 30 days. This would meet the 90-day institutional residency requirement for MFPD.

The individual does not have to reside in the NF or other institution for 90 days at the time they indicate a desire to transition to the community. The individual meets the screening criteria if it appears likely they will reside in an NF or other institution for at least 90 days prior to the discharge date from the NF.

**3522.2 Program Support Unit Staff Verification of 90-Day Qualifying Institutional Stay**

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Program Support Unit Staff (PSU) must verify the 90-day residency requirements for eligibility in the Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFPD). To verify, PSU staff may:

* use Minimum Data Set (MDS) information, available on the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) website;
* view the Service Authorization System Online (SASO) NF records (Service Code 1);
* contact the NF for admission dates; or
* as a last resort, obtain confirmation from the individual.

PSU staff communicate to managed care organization (MCO) staff that the individual is potentially eligible for MFPD by completing the MFPD qualifying begin and end dates in Section A, Item 20, Qualifying Dates, on [Form H3676](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/forms/3000-3999/form-h3676-managed-care-pre-enrollment-assessment-authorization), Managed Care Pre-Enrollment Assessment Authorization.

**3523 Enrollment in Money Follows the Person Demonstration**

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Individuals who meet the eligibility requirements and choose to enroll in the Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFPD) must be designated by Program Support Unit (PSU) staff, according to *STAR+PLUS Program Support Unit Operational Procedures Handbook* Section 9480, MFPD for STAR+PLUS HCBS Program Applicant, in the Service Authorization System Online (SASO), using the following procedures:

* Enrollment Record — Enrolled from Field: Choose "12 — Money Follows the Person.”
* Service Authorizations:
* Force Box — Check the Force box for each service authorization.
* Fund Type — Choose "19MFP-Money Follows the Person." This code applies only to MFPD recipients.
* Force Comment — Enter "MFP Demonstration Member" and select "Force."

Fund Type "19MFP-Money Follows the Person" must be selected for the first individual service plan (ISP) period of participation in MFPD. This fund type is removed after the MFPD entitlement period is over or if the individual withdraws from MFPD. See Section 3524, Money Follows the Person Demonstration Entitlement Period Tracking.

PSU staff must maintain a list of MFPD participants. This list must contain the following:

* Individual’s name;
* Medicaid identification (ID) number; and
* ISP start and end date.

The individual may withdraw from MFPD at any time by informing the managed care organization (MCO) service coordinator. To inform PSU staff of the withdrawal, the MCO service coordinator uploads Form H2067-MC, Managed Care Program Communications, to TXMedCentral, indicating withdrawal from MFPD. Although MFPD eligibility may end upon withdrawal from MFPD, the individual continues to receive STAR+PLUS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program services if all STAR+PLUS HCBS eligibility criteria are met.

**3524 Money Follows the Person Demonstration Entitlement Period Tracking**

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Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFPD) individuals are entitled to 365 days of participation in MFPD. Time spent in an institutional setting does not count toward the 365-day entitlement period; therefore, tracking is required to ensure MFPD individuals receive the full 365-day entitlement period.

The entitlement period begins the date the MFPD individual is enrolled in the STAR+PLUS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program.

**Example**: The individual chooses to participate in MFPD and is enrolled in the STAR+PLUS HCBS program, effective June 1, 2019, with an initial individual service plan (ISP) effective June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020.

* If there are no institutional stays during the initial ISP period, the MFPD entitlement period ends when the ISP period ends on May 31, 2020.
* If the MFPD individual is institutionalized for 10 days in April 2020, the MFPD entitlement period is suspended during the period of institutionalization and resumes when they return to the community until the end of the 365-day entitlement period. In this example, the MFPD entitlement period ends on June 10, 2020, which is after the ISP end date of May 31, 2020.
* If the MFPD individual is authorized for a new MFPD service during the initial ISP period and there are no institutional stays, the MFPD entitlement period would still end on May 31, 2020.

Tracking is required to ensure MFPD individuals receive the full 365-day entitlement period unless the individual withdraws from MFPD. The MCO is responsible for tracking the MFPD entitlement period. Once the 365-day entitlement period has passed, the MCO is responsible for uploading Form H2067-MC to TxMedCentral in the MCO folder to inform PSU staff of the date the individual's entitlement period ended.

It is essential that complete and accurate records are maintained because MFPD tracking is subject to audit by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**3525 Documentation of the 90-Day Qualifying Institutional Stay Required for MFPD Eligibility in the STAR+PLUS HCBS Program**

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The individual's date of entry and date of discharge from a hospital, nursing facility (NF) or other institutional setting are included in the number of days the individual is institutionalized for purposes of the 90-day qualifying institutional stay required for the Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFPD). Program Support Unit (PSU) staff must check the Service Authorization System Online (SASO) for verification of residence in qualified institutional settings. This may include stays in a combination of applicable settings, which include:

* Service Group (SG) 1, Service Code (SC) 1, NF — Daily care;
* SG 5, SC 1, State Operated Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions (ICF/IID);
* SG 6, SC 1, Non-State Operated ICF/IID; and
* SG 4, SC 1, State Supported Living Centers.

PSU staff must send Form H2067-MC, Managed Care Programs Communication, to the managed care organization (MCO), documenting MFPD 90-day qualifying begin and end dates. Institutional stays for the 90 days prior to the eligibility date must be documented even if it appears the individual does not meet the criteria.

If the individual is currently residing in a qualified institutional setting at the time Form H2067-MC is sent to the MCO, enter the begin date of coverage and use "ongoing" as the end date.

SASO records do not include any possible hospitalizations, which also count toward the 90-day requirement. The MCO will determine if the individual was in a hospital directly before the begin date on Form H2067-MC. The MCO will also determine whether the 90-day residency requirement for MFPD eligibility has been met once the discharge date from the NF is known.

Similarly, if the individual has a gap in institutional residency, the MCO will evaluate MFPD eligibility by checking for possible hospitalizations prior to the NF stay or during the gap period, as well as considering the discharge date from the NF.