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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CONSUMER-DIRECTED SERVICES VENDORS

FROM: Celesta Hartgraves, Director
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SUBJECT: Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have amended the eligibility criteria for individuals to qualify to transition from a skilled nursing facility back to the community under the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration Grant.

Effective immediately, in order to qualify for MFP an individual must:

- Be determined Medicaid eligible for at least one day. The Medicaid benefits must be in effect immediately prior to the day of enrollment into MFP.
- Meet all current eligibility requirements for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS).
- Be assessed at the nursing facility level of care by Division of Senior and Disability Services or its designee.
- Be currently residing in a skilled nursing facility for a period of not less than ninety (90) consecutive days. Consecutive days shall include hospitalizations, home visits, etc., as long as the participant was not discharged from the facility.
 - Any days that a potential MFP participant resided in the skilled nursing facility on the basis of having been admitted solely for the purposes of receiving short-term rehabilitative services, and such services are covered by Medicare, shall not be included in determining the ninety (90) day period.
 - Residential Care Facilities (RCF) and Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) are not skilled facilities, and therefore do not meet the eligibility criteria for purposes of this demonstration.
- Plan to transition to a qualified housing situation, as defined by CMS as:
 - A home owned or leased by the individual or a family member, or
 - A residence with no more than four (4) unrelated persons.

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