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RESPONSE TO INTERIM COMMITTEE REQUESTS

FOR: Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee (CFHHS)

REQUESTED INFORMATION: Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program Information

RESPONSE:

- **MFP** is a demonstration program focused on helping individuals transition from in-patient facilities to the community. The program helps Montana improve its long-term care system by reducing the use of institutionally based services and increasing the use of home and community-based services (HCBS).
- **Montana MFP** was funded with \$14.5 million since the inception of the grant for the purpose of transitioning individual Medicaid recipients back to the community from an institutional setting.
- **Goals:**
 - Increase the use and quality of home and community-based services
 - Decrease the use of institutional long-term care services
 - Increase the utilization of self-directed services in home and in community-based programs
 - Work towards increasing the capacity of home and community-based services by addressing issues such as the availability of affordable, accessible housing
- **Eligibility for Services** is set by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and are as follows.
 - Eligible participants include those who have resided in a qualified institutional setting for not less than 60 consecutive days and whose care has been covered by Medicaid for at least one of those 60 days.
 - Target populations include older adults, adults and children with physical and/or developmental disabilities or a serious mental illness.
 - Participants must meet the institutional level of care and be determined appropriate for one of the Montana Waiver Partner Programs.
 - Participants must continue to meet institutional levels of care criteria after transitioning to the community.



- Participants must transition to an MFP qualified residential setting.
- After transitioning to the community, participants meet regularly with their case managers throughout their 365-day period of participation.
- On the 366th day of service the individual is transferred to one of the Montana Medicaid Waiver Programs.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Due to the stress on the long-term care system during the public health emergency, MFP work was suspended but recently reopened.

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