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Michael F. Easley, Governor
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Re: Money Follows the Person Program

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Money Follows the Person (MFP) is a demonstration program which allows states to restructure their long-term care systems and shift the emphasis from institutional care to community-based care. The goal of MFP is to have a long-term care system that provides a greater array of home and community-based services and supports to promote choice and independence for individuals who have geriatric care needs, or have physical, mental or developmental disabilities. The program will cover all CAP services plus some additional services. Some services will receive an enhanced federal match.

Beginning October 1, 2008, the MFP program will be available statewide with an exception for the five county area covered by the Piedmont Cardinal Mental Health Plan Waiver. The excluded counties are Cabarrus, Davidson, Rowan, Stanly, and Union.

To be eligible to participate in MFP, an individual must:

1. Receive inpatient services paid for by Medicaid in qualified institutions that serve individuals who are elderly, disabled or developmentally disabled, and
2. Have resided in an institution for a minimum of six months, and
3. Continue to require the level of care provided by the institution, and

4. Meet the criteria for enrollment in CAP/Choice, CAP/DA, CAP-MR/DD or in the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and
5. Be moved into a qualified residence in the community.

An MFP Transition Coordinator is responsible for screening MFP applicants for all MFP eligibility criteria. In addition, the Transition Coordinator will coordinate with the county dss to ensure that the individual will remain Medicaid eligible when transitioned into MFP. If an individual or his personal representative expresses interest in applying for MFP and the individual is not currently Medicaid eligible, take and process an application the same way you would a CAP case.

Follow current CAP policy for all eligibility requirements and budgeting. With the exception of SSI recipients, the individual may have a deductible when evaluated for CAP. Individuals with monthly CAP deductibles are eligible for MFP; however the MFP Transition Coordinator will explain to the individual that he will be responsible for paying MFP and CAP services until his monthly deductible is met.

A recipient cannot be MFP eligible until the day he enters the community. A Special Use code of "MF" and the begin and end dates will be entered by DMA. The DMA coordinator for the MFP program can be reached at (919) 855-4270.

Eligibility policy concerning this change will be incorporated into the Medicaid eligibility policy manual effective November 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative. For any issues that are not able to be handled through that venue, Mrs. Angela Floyd, Assistant Director for Recipient and Provider Services, will be your point of contact and can be reached at (919) 855-4000.

Sincerely,

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