

MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON TEMPORARY ENROLLMENT PAUSE

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is Money Follows the Person (MFP)?
 - MFP is a federal source of funding for individual transitions out of qualified institutional settings, such as a nursing facility or supervised group living, into the community.
- Why is there an enrollment pause on MFP for the Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers?
 - The Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is implementing a pause in Money Follows the Person (MFP) enrollment to allow the agency to evaluate the program and ensure quality and sustainability. This MFP enrollment pause will allow FSSA to improve the MFP program by streamlining the application and approval process and enhancing reporting.
- How long will the MFP enrollment pause last?
 - FSSA is evaluating the MFP program to set long-term policies and priorities, including streamlining an application and approval process as well as enhanced reporting. *The pause is temporary.* FSSA will continue to provide updates on the progress.
- Will the MFP enrollment pause have any effect on enrollment in the waivers (e.g. CIH, FS, H&W, TBI, and PathWays)?
 - No, all waivers have their own established enrollment process. The MFP enrollment pause has no effect on the enrollment processes for Home and Community Based waivers and they will not be affected by this pause. Furthermore, **the pause does not prohibit individuals in Nursing Facilities or Supervised Group living settings from moving into the community.** If applicable there are priority categories and reserved waiver capacity that support individuals to continue to access the waiver.
- Will the MFP pause have any impact on my place on the Health and Wellness or PathWays Waiver Waiting List?
 - No, the MFP pause will not prohibit or limit access to waiver services. If you are on the waiting list for the Health and Wellness or PathWays Waiver, the MFP pause in enrollment will have no impact on your placement on the waiting list or priority status.
- Who is affected by the MFP enrollment pause?
 - The MFP enrollment pause only applies to individuals who do not have a fully approved (active) service plan for the MFP program as of October 11th, 2024. Those who have been assessed, determined to meet level of care, and are in some other status with their service plan will go to priority status for the appropriate waiver or waiting list.
- Will the MFP enrollment pause reduce the number of waiver slots?

- No. The number of waiver slots in each waiver for the waiver year, as approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, remains the same.
- How can I access waiver services if I can't be evaluated for MFP?
 - The MFP pause does not change or impact an individual's ability to access waiver services. As an example, individuals who reside in a nursing facility and would like to return to the community are given priority status for invitation from the H&W and PathWays Waiver waiting lists to access essentially the same opportunities and benefits as funded by MFP. Individuals should follow the established process to access the Health and Wellness, PathWays, and CIH waivers.
- Will there be a new process to access MFP once the enrollment pause is lifted?
 - FSSA will provide updates and training on any changes to the enrollment in MFP when that information is available.
- I am currently on MFP. How will my services be affected?
 - Individuals currently active in the MFP program will not experience any changes and will transition to the appropriate waiver at the end of their 365 days on MFP.
- Can I still submit my application for MFP to be considered once the pause is over?
 - No, during the MFP enrollment pause, applications will not be accepted. Once the MFP enrollment pause is lifted, FSSA will accept new applications. Individuals should continue to apply for HCBS Waivers through the traditional processes.
- I am currently funded through Money Follows the Person, what happens at the end of my 365 days on MFP?
 - Individuals will transition from MFP to the designated waiver (e.g. H&W, PathWays, or CIH).
- How can an individual find out if they meet the priority criteria for invitation from the PathWays or H&W waiting list?
 - Individuals can contact their local AAA to confirm waiting list status, waiting list date, and priority criteria for invitation from the waiting list. You can discuss the priority criteria with your local AAA and if it has changed, the Options Counselor can submit an update to the state. The AAA contact information is available at: https://www.in.gov/fssa/da/files/AAA_Map.pdf.
- If I was in the MFP program prior to October 11, 2024, and my service plan was terminated because I was re-institutionalized for more than 60 days, can I re-enter?
 - Yes, since you were approved and active on the MFP program prior to October 11, 2024 you would be able to continue on your remaining 365 days. Individuals must meet established re-entry criteria to continue in the MFP program for their remaining 365 MFP days. Individuals should contact their local Area Agency on Aging or Bureau of Disabilities Services to discuss the re-entry process.

For MFP-H&W or MFP-PathWays, contact your local AAA at https://www.in.gov/fssa/da/files/AAA_Map.pdf, call 800-713-9023, or visit <https://www.in.gov/fssa/inconnectalliance/>.

For MFP-CIH, contact your local BDS District Office at <https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/developmental-disability-services/bureau-of-developmental-disabilities-services/>.

- Where can I send my questions?
 - Questions can be directed to: DAResponseTeam@fssa.in.gov

- How can individuals stay updated and connected?
 - Register to receive all Division of Aging, DDRS, and OMPP updates, at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INFSSA/subscriber/new_