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## Do You Want Help to Participate in Money Follows the Person?

If you live in a nursing facility, you and your family or guardian can get help from:

- A nursing facility social worker.
- A long-term care ombudsman (someone who helps people learn about their options for getting services).
- Your designated local intellectual and developmental disability authority (LIDDA) habilitation coordinator.
- A relocation specialist.
- Your service coordinator from your health plan, if you have a health plan.

If you live in an SSLC, you can get help from the SSLC's transition specialist and your designated LIDDA service coordinator.

If you live in an ICF/IID, you can get help from a qualified intellectual disabilities professional from your ICF/IID.



## What Happens When You Move to Living in the Community?

### Get Help With Your Daily Needs

Money Follows the Person can help you have maximum independence and freedom of choice where you live and receive services. You can get waiver services and supports to assist with needs such as bathing, shopping, cooking and house cleaning.

### Get Help With the Move

You might be able to get help with expenses when you leave the institution and move to community-based housing. If you live in a nursing facility, this could include help from a relocation specialist to find housing and help with expenses. If you live in an SSLC, this could include help from the transition coordinator to make a referral to available housing programs.

There are a few different types of funding you might qualify for to help you transition to living in the community. Each of these programs are one-time benefits managed by HHSC staff or contractors.

If you are moving from a nursing facility, ICF/IID or SSLC, and are enrolling in specific waivers, you may qualify for transition assistance services (TAS) funds. TAS is a one-time benefit of up to \$2,500 for essential services to relocate to the community. This can include new furniture and other transition expenses.



If you are moving from a nursing facility, you may qualify for supplemental transition services (STS) funds. STS funds provide you an extra \$2,500 for expenses not covered by TAS.

If you are moving from a nursing facility, ICF/IID or SSLC, and are enrolling in the Home and Community-based Services waiver, you may qualify for help through the Enhanced Community Coordination program. These funds can provide:

- Emergency assistance.
- Rental or utility assistance.
- Nutritional supplements, clothing and medication.
- Minor home modifications not funded by other sources.
- Transportation to and from trial visits with community providers.
- Educational tuition assistance, such as vocational programs through community colleges.

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