



MEMORANDUM

To: STAR+PLUS Managed Care Organizations

Cc: Program Eligibility and Support Unit  
Compliance and Operations  
Operations  
Center for Analytics and Decision Support  
Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System

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Re: Change in Eligibility Requirements for Money Follows the Person  
Demonstration

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This memorandum applies to STAR+PLUS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program.

The purpose of the memorandum is to describe eligibility changes in the Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFPD) as directed by H.R. 133, RCP 116-68, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Title II – Medicaid Extenders and Other Policies, Section 204 Extension of the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration signed into law on December 27, 2020. In addition to extending funding for the Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFPD) program through federal fiscal year 2023, Section 204 amends Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 to:

- Reduce the institutional residency period from 90 days to 60 days; and

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- Include as part of the institutional residency requirement any days that an individual resides in an institution having been admitted solely for purposes of receiving short-term rehabilitative services.

### **Changes for MCOs**

Effective April 15, 2021, MCOs will use the new criteria to assess a member's eligibility for MFPD.

If you have questions about the information in this memorandum, please send them to [MFP-Project@hsc.state.tx.us](mailto:MFP-Project@hsc.state.tx.us)