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**To:** Local Management Entities-Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs)  
**From:** Steve Strom, Money Follows the Person Project Director  
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**Subject:** Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project Programmatic Changes

On Dec. 27, 2020, Congress passed the COVID-19 Stimulus Bill that included continuation funding for the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project (MFP) until the end of FFY2023 and enacts policy changes to the program. These changes were codified in Public Law No: 116-260 and affect two important components for individuals applying for MFP:

- 1. The 90 consecutive day stay in a qualified in-patient facility has been changed to a 60 consecutive day stay in a qualified in-patient facility.**
- 2. The days reimbursed under Medicare Part A previously excluded from the count toward the 90 consecutive day stay can now be included as part of the count toward the 60 consecutive day stay to meet eligibility requirements.**

The policy changes were effective Jan. 26, 2021 and any applicant who meets the updated eligibility requirements is eligible for MFP transition services.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Strom, MFP Project Director, at [steve.strom@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:steve.strom@dhhs.nc.gov).

Previous bulletins can be accessed at: [www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mhddsas/joint-communication-bulletins](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mhddsas/joint-communication-bulletins).

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