# **Supplemental Services**

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• An opportunity to provide North Dakota Money Follows the Person participants with supports and services necessary to eliminate any barriers to transition.

# One Time Pantry Stocking and Clothing Allowance

- One time benefit for pantry stocking and one-time clothing allowance.
- Documented in individual's person-centered transition plan.
- Provided to support health, safety, and welfare of the participant.
- Participants will also be required to submit a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit application for ongoing food security.
- Defined as purchase of essential clothing and personal items to ensure proper and adequate necessities immediately following transition.

## Ancillary Service

- Expands food security supplemental service to include a short-term provision of groceries for an MFP participant if their usual source of food is disrupted due to a re-institutionalization or hospitalization.
- Re-institutionalization or hospitalization needs to be two months or longer.
- The individual must have a balance of MFP eligibility days left after their MFP clock has stopped because of the re-institutionalization/hospitalization over 30 days.
- Short term provision of groceries is defined as a 2-week supply.
- Up to \$250 for the 2-week supply
- Limited to 3 instances within the 365 days of MFP eligibility.

## Residential Modifications

- A residential modification is a physical modification/adaptation to a participant's private primary residence required by his/her plan of care which are necessary to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the individual; or which enable the individual to function with greater independence in the home or community and without the residential modification the individual would require institutionalization.
- These modifications would be rendered up to 60 days prior to transition and payment to provider for the home modification will be made up to 30 days prior to transition.

## Personal Technology

- To purchase personal computers, iPads or tablets for any interested MFP participant; or
- For those MFP participants that can afford to purchase their own technology, assistance in setting up internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) or other government sponsored discounted internet programs such as the Emergency Broadband Benefit and Lifeline programs.

## **Companion Animal Support**

- This service would also support the purchase of a robotic pet that would offer similar support without the need to provide the cares associated with caring for a companion animal.
- Should the individual not transition the smart companion pet would be returned to the MFP Program for future use.
- Smart technology for current pet owner (automatic feeder or water dispenser, smart litter box, and other essential items needed to support the individual caring for their companion animal.
- Smart pet, such as a robotic pet that has the capabilities to interact with its owner.

## Home Repairs/Deep Clean

- Provided if a home inspection indicated that the house was uninhabitable.
- Such repairs may include repairing the flooring, patching the roof, and resealing windows for a safe and weatherized home. Other repairs may be requested and approved as it pertains to the health, safety, and welfare of the individual and if not approved by any other funding source.
- Cleaning may include removing garbage from the premises, expired contents in the refrigerator, and basic cleaning such as sweeping, vacuuming, mopping and general surfaces. Should the individual need an extermination service these will be requested and approved on an individual basis.

#### Home or Apartment Set up

- Such set up may include putting together furniture, unpacking belongings, and arranging the home so the individual can return and access their home furnishings. This would include if furniture needed to be delivered and personal belongings needed to be moved or unpacked.
- This service would be essential for individuals lacking natural supports and those who aren't physically able to independently complete the task.

#### Assistive Technology/Specialized Equipment

- The assessment is completed by certified ADA specialists who have specialized training as it relates to home and community-based living.
- Specialized equipment would include recommended items from the assessment that are not covered by another funding source to improve the person's quality of life and access to their home and community.
- Specialized positioning devices(s)
- Powered lift equipment to safely transfer individuals.
- Ceiling track lift system

#### One Time Health Supplies

• Such supplies could include but are not limited to incontinence supplies, diabetic syringes, catheter supplies, feeding tube supplies, and protective personal equipment. A basic first aid kit could be included. Requests and approvals will be based on individual's health, welfare, and safety and not eligible under a different funding source.

## Transition Services

- Provided on day 181 to discharge to community.
- This would be a fee for service rate.
- This would be utilized for those individuals that are encountering significant barriers to transitions and need more time and support from the transition coordinator to facilitate the transition back to the community.

## Vehicle Modifications

- Adaptations or alterations to an automobile or van that is the MFP participant's primary means of transportation to accommodate the special needs of the participant.
- Adaptions would be those that are not covered by another funding source that would occur prior to transition. Such adaptations include but are not limited to the following:
  - Hand controls
  - Foot controls
  - Assistance straps and rinds
  - Seat belt modifications
  - Ramp
  - Lifts
  - Seat Modification

## Pre-Transition Transportation

- This service would be for individuals who would like to tour their apartment prior to transition, as well as go shopping for the furnishing and belongings of their new apartment or home.
- This would also include transportation so that any home assessment could be completed with the individual and the home health or assistive technology providers.

## Budgeting/Credit Counseling

- Budget/credit counseling would be used to help MFP participants work with individual debtors regarding debt settlement by providing education, budgeting, and the use of a variety of tools with the goal to reduce and ultimately eliminate debt from their household.
- This would be available up to 180 days prior to transition.

#### Apartment Application or Administrative Fees

- Participants looking to secure an apartment are required to pay an application fee, costs for background check during the time a background check or credit check is being completed to retain priority to the apartment.
- The application and administrative fees service would allow for individuals to apply for housing approval with landlords and secure the apartment that they wish to have in the community. This would be up to \$100 per transition for application/administrative fees.

## **Unpaid Rent and Eviction Fees**

- To expunge unpaid rent or eviction fees related to an individual's ability to secure housing and assist in getting an individual on a housing voucher.
- This would be limited to no more than 6 months of rental arrears.