

## **MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON**

Indiana has an exciting program to help seniors age in the least restrictive environment possible. The U.S. Government and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration have joined together to promote the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program. This program can help seniors stay in their home or apartment, live in Adult Foster Care, and stay longer in Assisted Living.

The eligibility standards for this program are:

- You must first be in a nursing home and/or hospital for three months.
- Be eligible for Medicaid for at least one day at the end of your stay.
- Be eligible for a Medicaid Waiver program.
- Need nursing home level of care but be able to live in a less restrictive environment.

Grant funds are available in Indiana through 2016. The grant program covers one year of service. You can then be transitioned to a regular waiver program if you are still able to live in a less restrictive environment.

The Spousal Impoverishment Rules apply to this program. This can allow mom to return home to live with dad after a long illness without impoverishment or divorce worries.

Please contact our office for more information.

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