Transition Funding Offered by the Community Services Bureau

Community Transition Services Grant

Purpose: Transition grants will support the discharge of patients from Montana State Hospital (MSH) to nursing facilities or community-based settings. For FY 2025, the department will accept applications for transition grants to assist in transitioning patients with traumatic brain injuries (TBI), Alzheimer's, or dementia from MSH into appropriate services.

Amount: Up to $10,000 per individual per transition from MSH

Description: Transition grants are available for non-recurring expenses for individuals transitioning from MSH to Community Services Bureau (CSB) funded services including:

- Community First Choice Services/Personal Care Services
- Nursing Facility
- Big Sky Waiver

Allowable expenses are those necessary to meet an individual's health and safety needs and to assist with a successful transition into the community or a nursing facility. Expenses for room and board are not allowable. Examples of permissible uses of transition grant funds include but are not limited to:

- Environmental modifications or specialized medical equipment that the Medicaid State Plan or Big Sky Waiver does not reimburse.
- Staff training prior to placement specific to address the individual's unique care needs, as identified in the care plan as a transition need.
- Reimbursement to providers for the costs of shadowing staff prior to placement for the purpose of cross-training provider staff on the individual's specific needs, as identified in the care plan and necessary for a successful transition.

Limitations:

- Providers may submit grant a request before an individual is admitted, when prior modifications are required for their health and safety.
- Providers may submit grant requests up to 180 days from an individual's admit date for needed modifications discovered after admission.

- Providers will have six months from the grant period end date (June 30, 2025) to complete purchases or work orders.
- Invoices must be submitted within 30 days of the purchase or work completion date.
- If an individual is discharged from a facility, or if services are not provided for at least six months post-transition, the department may request grant funds to be refunded.

Process:

1. A provider submits an application for grant proposal to the Nursing Facility Program officer for review.
2. The program officer will review the grant proposal and will reach out to the provider to obtain any additional required information.
3. Upon completion of initial review, the program officer will send the grant proposal to the section supervisor for approval.
4. Approved proposals will be sent to Senior and Long Term Care Division (SLTCD) contract manager for contract creation.
5. The contract manager will create and email the acknowledgement letter to the provider for signature(s).
6. Once the signed letter is signed and received, the provider will submit invoices to the contract manager for payment.