SECTION
SERVICES

SUBJECT
MFP Companion Services

REFERENCES: New Demonstration Service – defined in the Operational Protocol

DEFINITION

MFP adult and youth participants and/or family members may be paired, when appropriate and available, with a companion to provide support before, during, and following their transitions as well as provide socialization.

- MFP companions are persons or family members whose life experience provides expertise that professional training can't replicate. Companions will begin interacting with MFP participants or family members before the transition occurs, will stay in touch regularly, and work to integrate participants into the community and provide support to families.
- Montana will partner with statewide networks to provide this service.

COVERED SERVICES

MFP Companion Services include assisting a participant with light household tasks (meal preparation, laundry, shopping), supervision, socialization, and community integration.

LIMITATIONS

This service is not appropriate for a participant who requires hands-on assistance with personal care needs or hands-on nursing care.

State Plan services must be utilized first.

This service will not duplicate homemaker services or respite services.

The amount of this service approved and provided will vary based on the needs of the individual and has a limit within an individual's person-centered plan.

Companion services cannot be provided by the consumer's legally responsible relatives or those family members who normally provide the care.

FEES

A participant should identify a companion in his/her plan of care. The companion must be willing to serve as an employee of a provider agency or be an employee of a family who is self-directing their services.

MFP Companion Services require prior authorization.

Unit of Service:	15 minutes
	$4.50/15 minutes

PROCEDURE CODE/MODIFIER

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