



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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Current Spending Plan Proposal to CMS as of 4/18/22

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Background

- President Biden signed ARPA into law March 11, 2021.
- § 9817 provides additional support for Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) during the COVID-19 emergency by providing a 10% enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (eFMAP) for a one year period from April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022.
- States must use the extra funds drawn down during this 1 year period by March 31, 2024, as well as an equivalent amount of state funds to *implement or supplement the implementation of* one or more activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS under the Medicaid program.
 - Must supplement and not supplant existing HCBS funding
 - Comes with a Maintenance of Effort requirement

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Current Spending Plan Proposal & Estimated Expenditures *(Still under CMS partial approval)*

- **LTSS programs - \$128.4 million**
 - 75% used for a **5.2% rate increase**, effective 11/1/2021
 - 25% - \$32.1 million will be incorporated as a one-time rate increase
- **Behavioral health services and programs - \$188.8 million**
 - 75% used for a **5.4% rate increase**, effective 11/1/2021
 - 25% - \$47.2 million to be used for Certified Peer Recovery Support Services (CPRS) program for SUD (still pending review and approval by CMS)
- **Developmental Disabilities Administration - \$241 million**
 - 75% used for a **5.5% rate increase**, retroactive to 4/1/2021 (ARPA start date)
 - 25% - \$60 million
 - \$50 million in one-time supplemental payments to providers for transition, workforce investment, supplies and equipment, and innovative programs and service
 - \$4.5 million in competitive grants for development and implementation of new HCBS business models
 - \$5.5 million to be spent on administrative costs related to grant administration, expediting new placements in HCBS (from waiting list), and to improve processing of person-centered plans.

Contacts/Resources

- Questions? Contact Alyssa Brown, Director Innovation, Research and Development at Alyssa.Brown@maryland.gov
- Maryland Medicaid Initial ARPA Spending Plan, Updates, and CMS partial approvals are all available on the Maryland Medicaid Public Notice website at:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/Public-Notices.aspx>