

Online Community Forum Monday, June 7, 5:00 p.m.

AHCCCS is seeking your feedback on how ARPA funds can best be utilized to improve HCBS in your community.

What is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021?

ARPA is an emergency legislative package to fund vaccinations, provide immediate, direct relief to families impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency, and support struggling communities.

What is the option for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)?

Section 9817 of ARPA provides a 10 percentage point increase in federal matching funds (capped at 95 percent) for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) to help implement or expand activities to enhance HCBS. States must use the federal funds from the increased FMAP to supplement, not supplant, existing state funds expended for Medicaid HCBS as of April 1, 2021. States must match the federal funds from the increased FMAP with state funds to implement or supplement one or more activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS under the State's Medicaid program.



On May 13, 2021 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued [State Medicaid Director Letter MD #21-003](#) (SMD) to clarify the types of services that may be used to draw down enhanced federal funds, how states may reinvest funds in HCBS, and the reporting requirements for expenditures. Specifically, CMS authorizes spending on state plan benefits, waiver services, and related COVID-19 activities but will not allow matching funds for administrative expenses.

The SMD letter also includes a requirement for AHCCCS to submit an HCBS spending plan for these funds by June 12, 2021.

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