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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Section 9817
10% HCBS FMAP Enhancement
1. Overview of ARPA
2. Overview of the State Medicaid Director Letter Guidance for the Home and Community Based Services Section
3. Spending Plan Submission
4. Services Eligible
5. Eligible Improvement Activities
6. Open Discussion
Definitions and Acronyms

**AHCCCS**: Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (Arizona’s Medicaid)

**ARPA**: American Rescue Plan Act

**CMCS**: Center for Medicare, Medicaid and Chip Services

**FMAP**: Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (commonly known as federal match)

**HCBS**: Home and Community-Based Services as defined in [A.R.S. §36-2931](https://www.azleg.gov/leginfo/laws/2022/2022session/chapter461.html) and [A.R.S. §36-2939](https://www.azleg.gov/leginfo/laws/2022/2022session/chapter461.html).
### American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Section 9817

- HCBS provision offers temporary 10 percentage point bump for certain HCBS services
- **State Medicaid Director Letter** from CMCS issued May 13, 2021 detailing:
  - Services eligible for the enhancement and how to claim the enhancement
  - How to demonstrate compliance with the ARPA’s non-supplantation language via a maintenance of effort on eligibility, covered services, and provider rates in effect as of April 1, 2021
  - Examples of activities that enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS
  - Requirements to supplement, not supplant, and
  - Mandates that states to submit both an initial and quarterly HCBS spending plan and narrative on the state’s planned HCBS activities; initial submission must occur within 30 days of release of this guidance (by 6/12/21)
Services Eligible to Claim 10% FMAP Increase

- Home Health Care
- Personal Care Services
- Self-Directed Personal Care Services
- Case Management
- School Based Services

- Rehabilitative Services (including mental health and substance use disorder services)
- Private Duty Nursing
- Alternative Benefit Plans
AHCCCS Enrollment by Program 
(as of May 1, 2021)

Total Enrollment 2,217,132
CMS expects that states will:
● Not impose stricter eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for HCBS programs and services than were in place on April 1, 2021;
● Preserve covered HCBS, including the services themselves and the amount, duration, and scope of those services, in effect as of April 1, 2021; and
● Maintain HCBS provider payments at a rate no less than those in place as of April 1, 2021.
Spending Plan

• CMS is requiring states to submit both an initial and quarterly HCBS spending plans and narratives to CMS on the activities that the state has and plans implement.

• States must submit the initial HCBS spending plan and narrative within 30 days of the release of SMDL #21-003.
  ○ NEW: Due July 12, 2021.

• Spending plans are subject to CMS approval, and will be made public.

• There is opportunity to amend the initial spending plan through subsequent quarterly reports.
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Time the State Can Spend the Savings Accrued From the 10% FMAP Increase

April 1, 2021

March 31, 2022

Time the state can save the 10% FMAP increase

May 13 - July 12 2021*
Amount of time the state has to submit the initial spending plan

March 31, 2024

*Due to a recent extension request approval, AHCCCS now has 60 days to submit our initial spending plan
Important Factors

- The funding is short-term and must be spent by March 31, 2024 (3 years).
- These efforts cannot negatively impact our current HCBS. It can only add programs, services and activities.
- If there is a new program/activity/service funded, it must be completed by March 2024 or have a plan to fund it in another way after March 2024.
For Discussion

What do you think we should focus efforts on?

Context for feedback:

• Details of the suggestion
• Sustainability after enhanced funding concludes
  • Ease of implementation
  • Impact on our members
DISCUSSION