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THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Learn more about Medicaid funding opportunities.
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

| COVID-19 Vaccine Administration | Mobile Crisis Services | Elimination of Medicaid Drug Rebate Cap | 100% FMAP for Urban Indian Health Program | 10% Increase to FMAP for HCBS | Twelve Months Postpartum Coverage |

ASU Office of the Governor
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Section 9817

- Provision offers temporary 10 percentage point bump in federal funds for certain HCBS services
- **State Medicaid Director Letter** issued on May 13, 2021
  - Services eligible for the enhancement
  - Examples of activities that enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS
  - Requirement that states submit initial and quarterly HCBS spending plans
    - Initial narrative and spending plan due July 12, 2021
ARPA HCBS Funding Timeline

- **April 1, 2021**: Time the State can take advantage of the 10% FMAP increase
- **March 31, 2022**: Time the State can spend ARPA HCBS reinvestment funds
- **May 13 - July 12, 2021**: Amount of time the State has to submit the initial spending plan
- **March 31, 2024**
Key Parameters - ARP/HCBS Provision

• Funding is short-term and must be spent by March 31, 2024
• Broader definition of HCBS - includes services such as home health, personal care services, attendant care services, case management and rehabilitative services (mental health and substance use treatment services)
• Cannot use funds to pay for HCBS available under the Medicaid program as of April 1, 2021
  o Funds must be used to enhance, expand, or strengthen existing HCBS program
• Strategies employed under the plan cannot negatively impact current HCBS program
  o Prohibited from imposing stricter eligibility standards
  o Must preserve covered HCBS
  o Must maintain HCBS provider payments at a rate no less than those in place as of April 1, 2021
• Nothing will be included which creates a long-term funding obligation without a sustainable funding source after March 31, 2024
Funding Enhancement & Reinvestment Opportunity

• AHCCCS estimates it will expend approximately $3.5 billion on HCBS that qualify for the temporary 10 percentage point FMAP increase (expenses during April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022)
• Enhanced match rate is expected to increase federal spending on currently covered HCBS by approximately $350 million during that time to be used as reinvestment funds for the strategies proposed in ARP HCBS spending plan
• Reinvestment funds then leverage additional federal funds = to a total of $1.6 billion to be spent throughout the period from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024
  o Enhance or strengthen Medicaid HCBS
  o Subject to CMS approval and legislative expenditure authority
  o Estimates subject to change due to various factors
Member Focus

• Seniors
• Individuals with Disabilities
• Individuals Living with Serious Mental Illness
• Individuals Accessing General Mental Health and Substance Use Services
• Children with Behavioral Health Needs
Funding Priority #1: Strengthening and Enhancing Arizona’s Home and Community Based System of Care

- Expanding access to care from a well-trained, highly-skilled workforce
- Funding local initiatives and community-specific programming to improve member health
- Assessing member engagement and satisfaction to better understand needs, prevent abuse and neglect, and identify opportunities for improvement
- Empowering parents and families to provide care and meet the needs of their children
- Promoting stabilization, access to supportive services, and workforce retention/consistency to improve member outcomes
Funding Priority #2: Advancing Technology to Support Greater Independence and Community Connection

- Utilizing new technology to promote care coordination and seamless communication
- Creating tools that strengthen quality monitoring and prevent abuse and neglect
- Supporting individual self-sufficiency by connecting members to technological tools and resources that promote independence
ARIZONA’S 1115 WAIVER EXPRESS

ARIZONA’S CRISIS EXPRESS

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT EXPRESS

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Traditional Healing
Managed Care HCBS

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