

Alliance State Forum

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Agenda

- ARPA Update
- Budget & Legislative Session
- Case Management Update
- SLS Flexibilities
- New COVID Guidance
- Questions
- Open Discussion

ARPA Update

- All 63 projects have launched
- As of September 30th approximately \$130M of the \$530M has been spent
 - We have another \$131.6M encumbered or allocated (includes anticipated expenditures for rate increases)
- Quarterly CMS report submitted on Monday; JBC quarterly report is due November 1st
 - Reports will be posted on the website and are a great reference for project specific updates

Open ARPA HCBS RFAs

6.06 “Dollars to Digitize” Provider Digital Transformation and Electronic Health Record (EHR) Upgrades Grant Program

- Funding may be used to make investments in upgrading or implementing electronic health record systems to be able to better coordinate care, access real-time information through health information exchanges, and the purchase of tools necessary for the delivery of virtual services.
- *Who is Eligible:* Medicaid-enrolled home and community-based services (HCBS) providers and Medicaid-enrolled behavioral health providers
- *Max Award:* \$500,000

1.05 Training Fund - Provider Grant

- Provide more training opportunities and incentives for workers to gain higher-level skills that would promote greater retention within the HCBS workforce
- *Who is Eligible:* Currently enrolled Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver providers; or training vendor/provider that develops/delivers training/specialization for the HCBS workforce.
- *Max Award:* \$100,000

Open ARPA HCBS RFAs

2.01 Behavioral Health Transition Community Grants

- The project provides short-term grant funding for behavioral health crisis and transition services between residential/inpatient and outpatient care. Awards will vary, and grants must:
 - Support Medicaid members moving from an institutional setting or correctional facility to the community
 - Focus on increasing capacity for community-based care
 - Not be used to fund existing resources or services that could be billed through Medicaid or other funding sources.
- *Who is Eligible:* Adult or Child Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, Qualified Residential Treatment Providers, Hospitals, Crisis Stabilization Units, Acute Treatment Units, Detox and Residential Substance Use Licensed ASAM Providers and MAT providers, or a Community Behavioral Health Agency serving adult and/or child and adolescent populations.
- *Max Award:* \$2,500,000

Reminder: Stay Informed!

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Articles & Blog Posts

The Department is excited to offer all stakeholders a wide range of opportunities to become involved in the work surrounding the funding of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The engagement of members, family, advocates, providers, and all other stakeholders is a critical part of this process.

This page contains a calendar showing meeting information for all available opportunities to engage and will be updated regularly. Due to the requirements to use ARPA funding by March 2024, some of the stakeholder engagement processes might feel more abbreviated than typical and we appreciate the community's understanding of this.

[To view the complete ARPA Stakeholder Engagement Plan, including all the types and methods of communication click here](#)

Have an ARPA Question or Comment? Submit it here!

ARPA Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Today Tuesday, March 29

10:00am Direct Care Workforce Collaborative

Wednesday, May 4

10:00am Community First Choice (CFC) Council

Friday, May 6

9:00am Direct Care Workforce Training & Career Advancement Action Group

Thursday, May 19

9:30am Webinar: Disability, Older Adult, & Advocacy Communities | Topic: ARPA + Department Updates

3:30pm Webinar: Updates & Technical Assistance for Providers | Topic: ARPA + Department Updates

Friday, May 20

1:00pm Direct Care Workforce Compensation & Benefits Action Group

Friday, May 27

1:00pm Direct Care Workforce Value & Awareness Action Group

Wednesday, June 1

10:00am Community First Choice (CFC) Council

Wednesday, June 8

10:00am Direct Care Workforce Collaborative

Friday, July 1, 2022

9:00am Direct Care Workforce Training & Career Advancement Action Group

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

10:00am Community First Choice (CFC) Council

Friday, July 15, 2022

1:00pm Direct Care Workforce Compensation & Benefits Action Group

Events shown in time zone: Mountain Time - Denver

Google Calendar

- Check back to the website often!
- Visit the [Stakeholder Engagement calendar page](#) to find out about upcoming opportunities.
- [Sign up for the Project Pulse Newsletter](#) - Distributed monthly

Next Webinars



ARPA Quarterly Update

Thursday November 17th, 2022

9:30 am - 11 am - Disability, Older Adult, & Advocacy Communities

3:30 pm - 5 pm - Providers

OCL General Updates

Calendar Year 2023 Scheduled to be Released Soon!

[OCL Webinar Page](#)

Budget & Legislative Session

- Governor's Budget will be announced and made available to the public on November 1st
- Release of the Joint Budget Committee Briefing and Hearing Calendar
 - **12/2 Executive Director's Office, Medical Services Premiums Briefing** (to include: Nursing Facilities, LTHH/PDN, PACE, and non-IDD waiver programs)
 - **12/12 Office of Community Living Briefing** (to include: IDD waiver programs and state general fund programs)
 - **12/21 HCBF Hearing**

Case Management RFP

Purpose: The purpose of the Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit proposals from interested parties who have experience providing case management services to Medicaid members and individuals enrolled in State General Fund programs.

- This is an *open competitive process* that will result in the Department selecting offeror's "whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the state..." (C.R.S. §24-103-203(7))
- Likewise, this competitive process encourages proposals from all agency types and will result in the Department conducting a comprehensive, thorough, complete and impartial evaluation of each proposal received.

On Hold: Coaching & TA

The Department has made the decision to suspend all HMA Capacity Building one-on-one coaching and technical assistance (TA). This means we are:

- Stopping all individual communications until further notice (until after the RFP response period has closed)
- Adapting the current small Learning Collaborative cohort groups to public webinars
- Suspending any technical assistance, including work being implemented by third parties through MOUs and subcontracts

This decision is applicable to ALL CMAs and all individualized activities - there is no exception for CMAs who are not participating in the RFP.

No TA activities will be funded through this project between October 15, 2022, and the RFP Proposal Submission Deadline which is anticipated to be March 1, 2023.

SLS Flexibilities

SLS Exceptions

	Total Requests	Approvals	Denials	Technical Denial
January 1- March 31, 2022	9	5	2	2
April 1-June 30, 2022	7	2	3	2
July 1- September 30, 2022	21	14	6	2

July 1 - September 30, 2022 Requests by Support Level

Support Level	Count of Reviews Submitted by Service Level
1	5
2	6
3	4
4	1
5	1
6	4
Grand Total	21

- The Department is revising the [SLS Exception Review Request Form](#). We are also creating a Desk Guide to assist case managers with comparing the request form.
- We will continue to offer training and education for case managers about SLS Flexibilities and allowable utilization.

New COVID Guidance from CDPHE

- [Public Health Order 20-38](#)

- This PHO previously contained guidance pertaining to **masking** for specific provider types, such as **Day Program providers** and **Transportation providers** serving Long-Term Services and Supports members. As of **Oct. 7, 2022** all masking requirements have been repealed for these providers.

- [Public Health Order 20-20](#)

- Guidance for residential care settings (NF, ICF, ACF/ALR, GRSS)
- [Updated Mitigation Guidance for NF & ICF](#)
- [Updated Mitigation guidance for ALRs & Group Homes](#)

Email questions regarding the implementation of the updated guidance to the CDPHE Infection Prevention Program and Residential Care Strike Team



Discussion



Thank you!