



Investing in Home and Community Based Services

An update on North Dakota's 10% HCBS Plan | ARPA Section 9817

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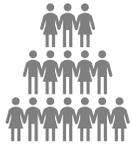
- ARPA provides 10% of enhanced funding to state Medicaid programs for HCBS services.
- States had 20 days to submit a plan that estimated the amount of funding and how funds would be spent.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) described general ways for states to spend the funding: expand eligibility, offer more services, capital investments, workforce, and address social determinants of health.
- **States may have until March 31, 2025, to spend the total funds.**

CMS Overview of States' Plans

- \$2,604 additional spending per beneficiary
- All states submitted and CMS approved the plans
- \$25B in spending approved overall



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Workforce

50%



New Services
Pilot Programs

21%



Transitions

15%



Infrastructure

14%

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- Recruitment and retention bonuses
- Startup grants for new service providers
- Consultancy to review and revise training program for HCBS Providers

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What's been done: WORKFORCE



- As of June 2022, have given out \$ 3,382,261.22 in retention and recruitment incentives to agencies providing direct service to individual receiving HCBS services
 - HCBS / QSP - \$27,226+ recruitment and \$169,641+ retention
 - ID/DD - \$96,075+ recruitment and \$3,089,318+ retention
- Finalizing details of Non-Agency recruitment and retention incentive program (individual QSPs, self-directed services)
- Finalizing grant application that can support both new and existing HCBS service providers who want to expand delivery of services. Anticipate publication of grant opportunity July 2022.
- Letter of Intent (LOI) to expand PACE

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- Flexible transition supports
- Rate innovations for QSPs
- In-home consultation for behavioral needs

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What's been done:
NEW SERVICES &
PILOT PROGRAMS



- Contract with actuarial firm to conduct an analysis of QSP and HCBS rates
 - Specific attention on high need service types
- Increased access to flex transition funding available via MFP infrastructure
- Increased investment in transition support coordination services delivered via the Centers for Independent Living / MFP infrastructure

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- Provide a family care option to incentivize transitions from Life Skills and Transitions Center
- Enhance community supports to wrap around clients after transition
- Flexible support fund for transitions to pay for things not covered under the waiver

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What's been done: TRANSITIONS



- Finalizing pilot programs that will support transitions from institutional to community settings
 - Host homes / Family Care Option as shared living for youth
 - Youth day services
- Exploring options for intensive therapeutic residential living

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- Care Connect platform like Care.com
- Document and report quality measures
- Client facing interface to eligibility and payment systems
- Project management

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What's been done: INFRASTRUCTURE



- Submitted detailed spending plan to CMS
 - Submitted on June 11, 2021
 - Initial approval on July 23, 2021

<https://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/docs/draft-plan-implementation-arpa.pdf>

- Hired Myers and Stauffer to serve as project manager (Kickoff meeting held June 13, 2022)
 - Coordinate implementation of approved plan
 - Assist with federal financial reporting
 - Provide structure for impact evaluation
- Design/Development phase of SPACES Self Service portal enhancements

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