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
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