

## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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# Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this informational memo is to inform Case Management Agencies (CMAs) that, as outlined in last year's supplemental budget request, the Department anticipates implementing an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) **direct provider payment**, pending approval from the Joint Budget Committee (JBC), which may include a Targeted Case Management (TCM) direct provider payment for CMAs.

### Information:

## **Background**

Funding has been made available to states through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) so that states may improve Home and Community Based-Services (HCBS)

programs and services. States were given authority to use funding to supplement their efforts but not supplant current spending on HCBS. The Department has been working to implement sixty-one (61) initiatives based on these requirements since 2021 and will end all ARPA spending by March 31, 2025. See the Department's ARPA webpage for more information.

The Department intends to provide a final HCBS provider payment for select services, utilizing ARPA HCBS funding, pending JBC approval - because providers and Case Management Agencies (CMAs) have been, and continue to be, extremely valued partners in Colorado's efforts and mission to see people receive services needed to remain living in the community of their choice.

### **Action Needed**

It is critical that all billing for **Targeted Case Management** (TCM) services provided by contracted Case Management Agencies (CMAs) with dates of service from **July 1**, **2024 through September 30**, **2024** be quickly submitted. Should a retroactive rate increase be available for CMAs, the enhanced rate would only be available on TCM claims with dates of service from July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024, and submitted for payment by the payment cycle that runs Friday, **January 17**, **2025**. If claims are not submitted by January 17, 2025, CMAs may miss out on this one-time opportunity for an additional ARPA payment.

The Department encourages CMAs to start preparing NOW! Agencies are advised to submit claims for this time period as soon as they are able. While the Department will have more information forthcoming about this effort - including information on the budget approval, and the date for payments, the Department encourages CMAs to take action immediately.

Ensure all CMA claims for TCM are submitted for services rendered between July 1, 2024 and September 30, 2024. Agencies may contact the Department's Fiscal Agent at 1-844-235-2387 with questions about billing, or refer to the Department's Quick Guides Page, which has helpful information about claims submission and member eligibility verification. Agency staff may also attend billing training conducted by the Department. Scheduled trainings, and descriptions of their content, can be found on this page.

Attachment(s):

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