



## INFORMATIONAL MEMO

---

<b>Title:</b> Potential ARPA HCBS Direct Provider Payment	<b>Topic:</b> HCBS
<b>Audience:</b> Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Providers	<b>Sub-Topic:</b> Provider Funding
<b>Supersedes Number:</b> N/A	<b>Division:</b> Benefits and Services Management (BSM)
<b>Effective Date:</b> Nov. 26, 2024	<b>Office:</b> Office of Community Living
<b>Expiration Date:</b> April 1, 2025	<b>Program Area:</b> HCBS
<b>Key Words:</b> Home and Community Based Services, HCBS, Provider Payment, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	
<b>Legal Authority:</b> N/A	
<b>Memo Author:</b> Candace Bailey	
<b>Informational Memo Number:</b> HCPF IM 24-033	
<b>Issue Date:</b> Nov. 26, 2024	
<b>Approved By:</b> Colin Laughlin	

---

HCPF Memo Series can be accessed online: <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/memo-series>

### Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this informational memo is to inform HCBS Providers 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).

### 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 web page](#) 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 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.

#### Provider Action Needed

All provider claims for the period **July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024**, must be submitted no later than **February 28, 2025**, to receive this retroactive HCBS rate increase and subsequent payment. This claims data will be used to determine the provider payment equivalent to the retroactive increase for eligible services. It is not anticipated that providers will need to rebill to receive this payment, but the enhanced rate will only be available to those providers who have submitted claims by February 28, 2025. Providers will miss out on this one-time ARPA payment if claims are not submitted by February 28, 2025.

Providers are encouraged to start preparing now. Submit claims for this time period as soon as possible to ensure agencies are able to take advantage of this enhanced rate for all of the work and services provided.

More information will be forthcoming about this effort - including information on the JBC's decision, the eligible services and the date for payments. **Ensure all HCBS provider claims are submitted for services rendered July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024, as soon as billing rules allow.**

#### **Definition(s):**

None

#### **Attachment(s):**

None

#### **HCPF Contact:**

[hcpf\\_hcbs\\_questions@state.co.us](mailto:hcpf_hcbs_questions@state.co.us)