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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Operational Memo is to provide updated information to case management agencies (CMAs), providers, and stakeholders on a temporary enhancement to the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Home Modification benefit for the Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD) waiver, Brain Injury (BI) waiver, Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS) waiver, Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) waiver, Supported Living Services (SLS) waiver, and the Children’s Extensive Supports (CES) waiver.

The funding for this temporary benefit enhancement is provided by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as part of the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing’s (the Department) federally approved ARPA Spending Plan. The 2021 ARPA provides additional relief to address the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, and individuals. More information surrounding the

implementation of ARPA initiatives can be viewed on the Department's [ARPA web page](#).

Information:

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit families throughout Colorado especially hard. More individuals are remaining at home due to health and safety concerns and as a result may require additional home modifications to increase safety and independence within the home.

Effective January 1, 2022, participants of the EBD, CMHS, BI, SCI, SLS, and CES waivers will have access to an additional \$10,000 in Home Modification funding through March 31, 2024. This funding will be available to participants who have already utilized Home Modification funding but need additional home modifications to remain living within their home, or are seeking a home modification that would normally exceed the waiver's home modification cap. All home modifications covered under this enhanced budget must remain compliant with HCBS regulations found in [10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.493](#) (EBD, CMHS, BI, and SCI), [10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.500.94.B.6](#) (SLS), and [10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.503.40.A.5](#) (CES). Funding for this enhanced benefit is available until March 31, 2024, and new home modification requests to be used under this available funding will be accepted until November 30, 2023. This will allow time for project review and completion prior to the March 31, 2024 federally funding end date.

All home modification requests that will utilize ARPA funding, regardless of cost, must be submitted to the Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing (DOH) for review. Case managers are required to follow the established home modification request process. More information surrounding the home modification request process can be found on the Department's Long-Term Services and Supports Training [web page](#).

Upcoming Training Opportunities

The DOH, in conjunction with the Department, will be holding Home Modification trainings in early January which will outline the process to utilize ARPA funding for home modifications, as well as the general home modification process. While these trainings are not mandatory, they are strongly encouraged. Both training sessions will be recorded and uploaded onto the Department's Long-Term Services and Supports Training [web page](#).

Training for Community Centered Board Case Managers

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join by Google Meet:

meet.google.com/paz-fnfq-xrd

Join by phone:

(US) +1 636-649-4579 (PIN: 553398597)

Training for Single Entry Point Case Managers

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022

1-3 p.m.

Join by Google Meet:

meet.google.com/ufx-mrgf-pir

Join by phone:

(US) +1 617-675-4444 PIN: 368 644 964 0058#

Attachment(s):

None

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