



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Delaware Division of Medicaid & Medical Assistance

American Rescue Plan Act Home and Community-Based Services Spending Plan Public Forum

January 11, 2022

HCBS Spending Plan Background

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act allows states to claim a 10% increase in federal matching funds on current Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) expenditures from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. In this context, HCBS is broadly defined to include many of the Medicaid BH rehabilitative services administered through the Medicaid DSHP MCOs and DSAMH (through PROMISE).

- Allows DMMA (in collaboration with partner DHSS Divisions) to reinvest the funds generated by the 10% increase to generate additional federal match for HCBS activities. These funds must be used:
 - To supplement and not supplant current state expenditures.
 - For sustainable activities that expand, enhance or strengthen HCBS.
 - By March 31, 2024.

HCBS Spending Plan Initiatives Update

CMS HAS APPROVED DELAWARE TO BEGIN DRAWING DOWN THE 10% ENHANCED FMAP FOR CURRENTLY PROVIDED HCBS SERVICES.

Approved Activities to Implement through ARP Funds

- DDDS Direct Support Professionals Recruitment and Retention Payments
- Rate Study for DSPs
- Critical Incident Management System Upgrade

Activities Under Development for CMS Review

- Respite for Caregivers of Children with CMC and BH needs
- Children and Adults with Complex Medical Needs
- Long-Term Services and Supports Strategic Planning Study
- DSHP, DSHP Plus, and DSAAPD Support Professionals Bonus Payments

HCBS Spending Plan Initiatives Update

New Activities Proposed in January 2022 Quarterly Update

- **No Wrong Door Information Technology Upgrade:**
 - Enhancements to ADRC to create a No Wrong Door (NWD) Information Technology (IT) infrastructure. The transition to NWD will require enhanced IT adaptations to properly support all key functions.
- **Support for Local Contact Agencies:**
 - Delegate Local Contact Agency (LCA) functions to Delaware's two Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and strengthen operations, hire necessary staff and/or obtain contractual help, and engage in strategic planning to outline the process for CILs to serve as the LCA for MDS options counseling.
- **Education, Marketing and Outreach on HCBS and Delaware's No Wrong Door:**
 - One-time investment in a comprehensive education, marketing, and outreach campaign aimed at educating the general public about HCBS options available throughout the State.

HCBS Spending Plan – New Section

Addition of a Glossary of Terms to the HCBS Spending Plan

- The glossary is intended to further define terms relevant to Spending Plan initiatives and to clarify how the initiatives will be applied.
- Example: Glossary of Terms includes a definition for Direct Service Professional (DSP), to clarify which individuals and which service categories are included in the DSP Recruitment and Retention Payment initiatives.
 - **Direct Service Professionals (DSP):** Individuals employed by an agency who provide supervision, training, and/or hands-on assistance with activities of daily living and or instrumental activities of daily living within the context of the following services: adult day services, attendant care, chore services, community-based residential alternatives that include assisted living facilities, companion services, day habilitation, homemaker services, home health aides, personal care, residential habilitation and respite (in-home).
- The glossary will continue to be updated each quarter, to add any terms that become relevant or require clarification as new initiatives and activities are proposed and operationalized.

HCBS Spending Plan Update

Accomplishments to Date

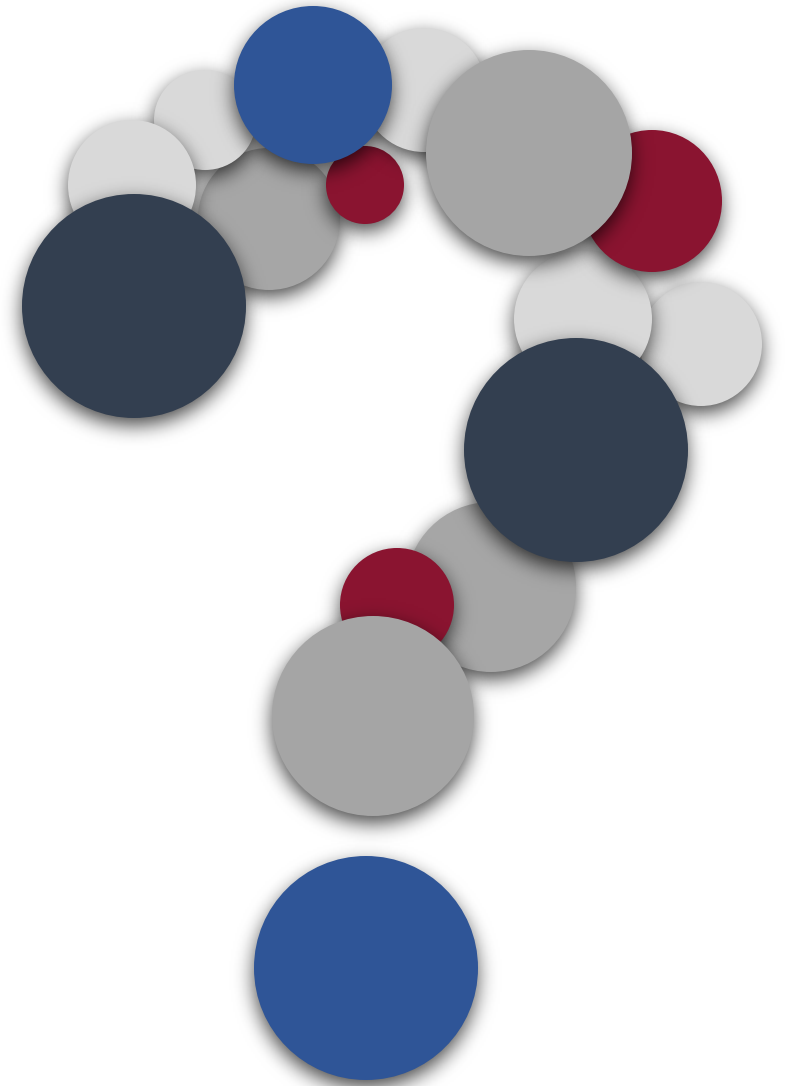
- Submitted an initial Spending Plan to CMS on July 12, 2021
- Submitted an updated Spending Plan to CMS on November 1, 2021
- Received CMS approval to begin drawing down 10% match on December 8, 2021

Upcoming Activities and Next Steps

- Submit an updated Spending Plan to CMS on January 15, 2022
- Schedule and conduct additional public forums with stakeholders targeted at behavioral health

Open Forum

- What feedback do you have on the following “Under Development” activities?
 - Children’s respite
 - Children and adults with complex medical needs



Additional Spending Plan Feedback

Additional feedback may be submitted via email to:
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DMMA will periodically post new information on our website:
https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dmma/rescue_act.html