



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Delaware Division of Medicaid & Medical Assistance

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

March/April 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 behavioral health (BH) rehabilitative services administered through the Medicaid Diamond State Health Plan (DSHP) MCOs and Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) [through PROMISE].

Allows Division of Medicaid & Medical Assistance (DMMA)/DSAMH to reinvest the funds generated by the 10% increase to generate additional federal match for HCBS activities. This one time funding must be used:

- To supplement and not supplant current state expenditures. This means funding cannot be used for things that Medicaid is already paying for or should be covering.
- For sustainable activities that expand, enhance or strengthen HCBS delivery system.
- By March 31, 2024.

Permissible activities include:

- ✓ Recruitment and retention payments for direct support professionals (DSPs)
- ✓ One-time funding for special projects, including IT projects and rate studies

Activities that are not permissible:

- ✗ Room and board
- ✗ Ongoing internet connectivity
- ✗ Activities that require on-going funding for which there is no funding source

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 DSP Recruitment and Retention Payments
- Rate Study for DSPs
- Critical Incident Management System Upgrade

Activities Under Development for CMS Review

- DSHP, DSHP Plus, and DSAAPD DSP Recruitment and Retention Payments
- No Wrong Door Information Technology Upgrade
- Support for Local Contact Agencies
- Education, Marketing and Outreach on HCBS and Delaware's No Wrong Door

Behavioral Health Targeted Initiatives

Initiatives that will be included in next quarterly Spending Plan Update

- SUD Provider Rate Increases

Initiatives being considered for the next quarterly Spending Plan Update

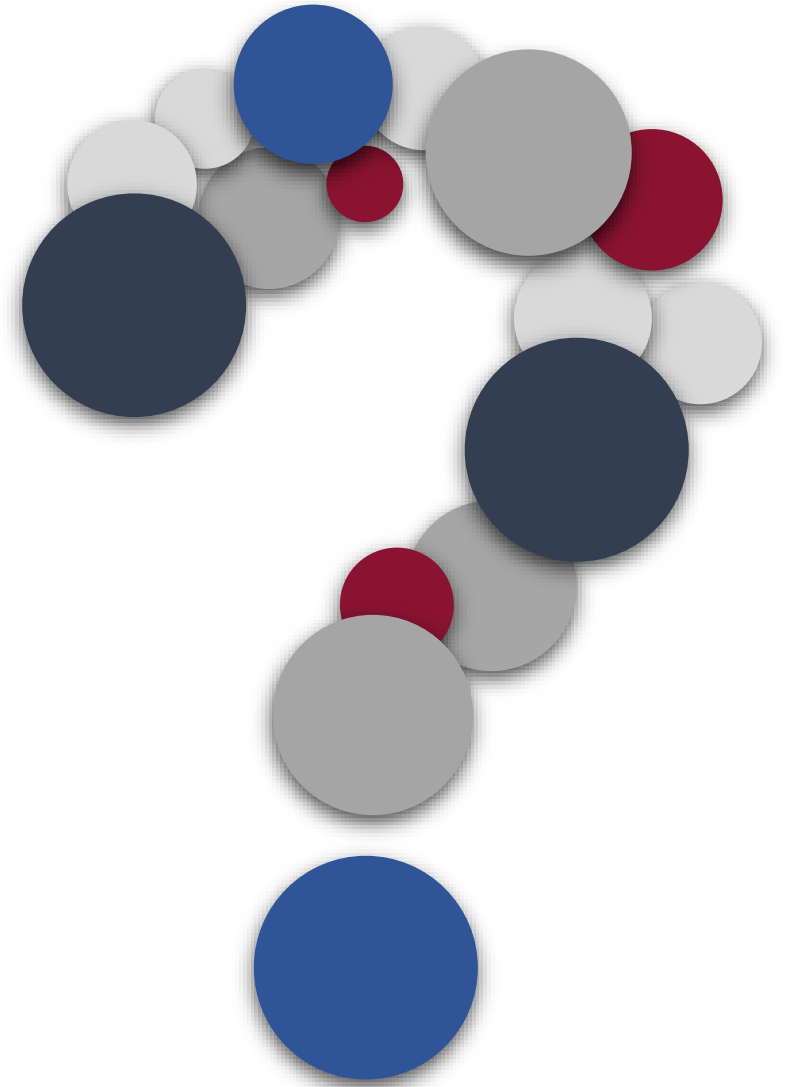
- DSP Recruitment and Retention Payments
- Medicaid BH Services Rate Study
- BH Treatment Beds
- BH Residential Placements

Open Forum

DMMA/DSAMH would like input from stakeholders regarding other ideas...

Please keep in mind the following parameters:

- Spending Plan monies are one-time funding
- Activities that would require more than one-time funding must have an identified funding source in order to meet sustainability requirements
- Funding cannot be used for room and board



Additional Spending Plan Feedback



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