



On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 into law.¹ This legislation was an extensive and wide-ranging set of policies and funding to address the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting disruption to the American economy. One of the many items in the Act provides a 10% increase to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).

On May 13, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a State Medicaid Director Letter (SMD) that provides guidance on how states may use this increased funding.² In the SMD, CMS requires states to submit quarterly spending plans outlining proposed activities and initiatives. States have a wide range of discretion for how to invest the funding, including direct services, eligibility expansions, provider payment increases, recruitment and retention activities, improving quality, and strengthening program administration and oversight. Despite this flexibility, there were common themes across the first set of state spending plans submitted to CMS in the summer of 2021.

The following ten tables represent ADvancing States' compilation and analysis of spending plans from 49 states and the District of Columbia.³ Each table is organized to provide information on a specific category of activities, including:

- Service Expansions
- Eligibility and Enrollment Activities
- Provider Payment Increases
- Direct Care Worker Recruitment, Retention, and Training
- Technology for Providers
- Technology for State Agencies
- Capital/Structural Improvements
- Quality Initiatives
- Strengthening State Administration
- Other Activities (not captured elsewhere)

The information in these tables is preliminary since CMS must review and approve state activities and states are able to update and modify initiatives in each quarterly spending plan. We will provide updates as plans continue to receive approval and as states submit subsequent spending plans. Additionally, though the public tables are high-level, ADvancing States has compiled more detailed information that is available to state agencies upon request. For more information about this document, or to request assistance with any ARPA related initiative, please contact Damon Terzaghi at dterzaghi@advancingstates.org.

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>

² <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd21003.pdf>

³ Advancing States has reviewed copies of submitted spending plans from every state except South Dakota.

NEW OR EXPANDED SERVICES

State	Home Modifications	Assistive Technology	Meals/ Nutrition	Transportation	Caregiver Supports (varied approaches)	Transition Services	Self-Directed Services	PACE	Housing Related Supports	Behavioral Health/ Mental Illness	Employment	Other	Other (cont.)
Alabama	X	X			X	X	X					Add a service providing minor medical supplies to individuals; provide payment for services not currently covered in the 1915c waivers, including provide reimbursement to DSP's for Supervisory Visits; Provide broadband installation and equipment	
Alaska						X						Potentially authorizing a limited number of sites to create licensed assisted living homes offering supports to individuals with complex needs, with rates set to the specific staffing needed at each facility.	
Arizona			X		X					X		One-time stipends to procure and train service animals; provision of personal care services in a short-term acute care setting	
Arkansas	X	X											
California	X		X		X	X				X		Provide grants to county human services agencies to increase access to technology for older adults and adults with disabilities; provide dementia-capable services at adult day centers	
Colorado	X				X								
Connecticut					X		X						
DC		X					X					Expand scope of services of State Plan Home Health services to include services provided by Certified Medication Aides; Acquire an inventory of technology that will be disseminated to people with I/DD	Therapeutic Services to prevent functional decline (triage team, funding to changes scope of State Plan DME, recruit physical therapist assistants)
Delaware	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					
Florida	X	X			X							Access to Additional Equipment that Promotes Independence: eyeglasses, wheelchair transfer boards, adaptive cooking equipment (as not otherwise available); technology resources	
Georgia		X									X	Implement Behavioral Aide service for individuals under age 21 with Autism	
Hawaii		X			X	X			X	X		Other initiatives remain under consideration pending CMS feedback	
Idaho													
Illinois	X	X				X	X			X	X	One time funding for vehicle modifications for DDD; Enhancements to the current emergency home response waiver service	Promote access to Therapeutic and Individual Support Services including alternative therapies (such as art or equine therapy), supportive items (such as weighted blankets/vests), or wellness activities

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Indiana				X	X	X			X		X	Create a grant for the purpose of developing a Community Aging in Place - Advancing Better Living for Elders (CAPABLE) pilot program; Increase the availability of structured family caregiving and shared living	Develop and implement an in-home vaccination program
Iowa						X				X		Develop resources and services for parents with IDD and parents and foster parents/guardians with children with IDD; Therapeutic Foster Home Pilot	Develop pilot(s) to serve children with neurobehavioral needs in a residential setting
Kansas					X	X						Extend Mobile Crisis for I/DD, including providing I/DD response training	
Kentucky	X	X					X		X	X		Dentures, Glasses and Hearing Aids; Technology devices to support telehealth and remote patient monitoring	
Louisiana			X	X		X		X		X		Cover up front costs of purchasing remote technology for use with remote supports; Ongoing maintenance fees would become part of the OCDD waiver service	Development/Expansion of Personal Care Services and Individual Placement Support Services
Maine					X		X				X	Behavioral supports for adults with IDD	Explore D-SNP implementation
Maryland												Contract w/ NPs to provide indirect services that enhance HCBS participants' (ex: Special Olympics)	
Massachusetts	X				X	X				X		Transition housing supports; expand hospital at home and estab rehab at home model; establish mobile wheelchair repair provider and clinics for maintenance	Enhance PASRR; expand internet/broadband/devices for consumers; provide supports to help consumers navigate tech options
Michigan							X			X	X	Cover family therapy and intensive home-based services for all Medicaid-eligible children at risk of developing serious behavioral health challenges regardless of MH diagnosis; implement a complex care case management model within MI Choice program; expand availability of peer mentoring for I/DD individuals; implement program to help PWDs live independently	Consider coverage of adjunctive therapies (art, music, drama, recreation) as state plan services; consider coverage of customized goods and services (flex funds);
Minnesota				X	X	X			X			Expand services available through CFC; expand integrated community supports service to DD and community alternative care; fund admin costs to establish statewide rates for county CM contracts, develop comprehensive CM redesign, develop tribal TCM benefit	
Mississippi													
Missouri	X							X					
Montana													
Nebraska													

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Nevada			X					X				Create separate assessment cost for environmental adaptations. Use care coordinators for appts for covid vaccinations, and paramedicine providers to administer. Create dental capitation plan for adults w/ IDD.	
New Hampshire	X							X				School Based and Early Support Services: additional funding to account & make up for Medicaid covered children that had forgone services during COVID-19 PHE	Expand the Enhanced Family Care Model model of support (also known as Shared Living or Adult Foster Care) to the elderly and behavioral health populations
New Jersey													
New Mexico	X	X	X		X	X	X			X		Provide funding for a minimum of four adult day care and/or respite caregiver sites in the most rural communities in New Mexico following completion of needs assessment and provider capacity assessment.	Provide each member with a tablet and develop trainings to encourage electronic means of document submission and reduce paper processing. Cover additional habilitative services that promote social skills to support community integration
New York		X	X	X		X		X		X		All services marked "X" are included under the Expansion of Community First Choice Option (CFCO) Services. Other includes: environmental modifications (e.g., ramps, grab bars); and moving assistance (moving belongings from an institution to a home in the community);	Expand crisis services for IDD - Expansion of CSIDD: Start-up funding made available through a competitive grant process that will lay the groundwork for the expansion of the newly adopted CSIDD program into all areas of the State. These funds will be used to establish a CSIDD team and CSIDD Resource Center in various state regions
North Carolina		X		X		X					X	One-time payment to each active State County Special Assistance In-Home beneficiary to fund technology purchases, to include laptops, tablets, cell phones and other technology and software that will facilitate socialization	Enhance and increase services required for the individual to stay safely in the home, but not supplant existing funding and/or services [One-time payment to each active State County Special Assistance In-Home (SAIH) beneficiary]
North Dakota	X					X			X			Home Health Enhancements: Expand eligibility criteria to include persons who are transitioning from institutions to the community and who have three or more chronic conditions of any type	
Ohio					X								

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Oklahoma	X	X	X	X	X			X			X	Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids: Enhance Therapeutic Respite Homes program to provide respite and ancillary medical and behavioral health evaluations on an as needed basis for individuals age 12+ on the DDS waiver or waiting list; Dental: increase dental services plan of care cap for all adult waiver populations served from \$1,000 to \$3,500 through the Appendix K.	
Oregon			X	X	X	X			X	X		Expand successful Money Management Program to serve more individuals; Deploy GrandPad technologies to 250 PACE participants and as a pilot to in-home consumers served by APD. Allow Deaf/Blind individuals who qualify for Medicaid to receive State Plan Personal Care (SPPC) services.	Establish a pot of \$2M to address unique needs of Aging/PD that keep individuals out of crisis. Flexible grant funding to support people with ID/DD. Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) will support the Direct Support Crisis Specialist (DSCS) workforce and make enhancements to improve services for people living at SACU
Pennsylvania	X	X				X						Fund a medical home program to focus on the comprehensive coordination of care for children with complex medical conditions.	
Rhode Island		X					X					Dental Care in Home Health Settings Pilot; Increase support to Medicaid families receiving HBTS, PASS or Respite Services	
South Carolina	X	X			X	X						Increase allowable amount of waiver case management; independent living skills training; Add in-home supports services to the ID/RD waiver	
South Dakota													
Tennessee	X	X		X	X						X	Consider additional increases to Benefits Counseling in CHOICES and the 1915(c) waivers	
Texas					X	X					X	Implement Individualized Skills and Socialization - provide on and off-site, activities to develop skills and gain greater independence, socialization, community participation, or an individual's future employment or volunteer goals identified in their person-center plan	
Utah	X				X	X			X				
Vermont										X			
Virginia													
Washington		X			X	X			X	X	X	Discharge planning for aging and disabled civilly committed sexually violent predators; Increase in in-home personal care hours for certain participants with shared services	Provide funding to an existing account that may only be used for supports and services for participants with ID/DD in a community setting

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West Virginia	X				X					X		Add Adult Day Health Care to A/D waiver	
Wisconsin					X						X		
Wyoming		X				X					X		
Total States	19	19	9	9	24	22	10	7	8	15	12		

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

State	Adding waiver slots	Increasing Financial Eligibility	Reducing Participant Costs	ADRC/NWD Initiatives	Training and Outreach Regarding Eligibility and/or Assessment Changes	Assessment Changes	General Eligibility and Assessment Process Changes	Other
Alabama	X							
Alaska								
Arizona								
Arkansas					X			
California					X	X	X	
Colorado							X	Analyze the financial, population size, and demographic impacts of using less restrictive eligibility income and resource methodologies for individuals with disabilities
Connecticut				X		X		
DC								Fund additional case management services and supports in facilitated transition of Dual Eligible participants from 1915(c) EPD Waiver to enrollment in a Duals Special Needs Plan or otherwise support the transition of individuals into MLTSS options coming online in the District
Delaware							X	Fund supports for families during periods where a family member is "at risk," either pre-Medicaid eligible or while Medicaid eligibility is being determined, to decrease waiting time for service initiation
Florida	X							
Georgia								
Hawaii								
Idaho								
Illinois						X		
Indiana				X	X		X	Build upon pilot expedited eligibility program to offer expedited application processing statewide for the HCBS population.
Iowa				X			X	
Kansas								
Kentucky				X		X		

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Louisiana		X				X		
Maine				X				
Maryland								
Massachusetts				X			X	
Michigan	X			X	X	X	X	
Minnesota								
Mississippi	X							
Missouri							X	Expand HCBS to include individuals assessed using new LOC and temp continue those eligible using old criteria. Maintain eligibility for both groups until 2024, when old LOC will sunset. Use enhanced FMAP for individuals who would newly gain access to HCBS.
Montana								
Nebraska								
Nevada			X					
New Hampshire							X	
New Jersey				X			X	
New Mexico	X							
New York				X				
North Carolina	X				X	X		
North Dakota								
Ohio								
Oklahoma				X		X		
Oregon			X			X		
Pennsylvania	X						X	
Rhode Island	X			X	X	X	X	
South Carolina	X				X			
Tennessee	X							
Texas	X			X				
Utah								
Vermont					X	X		
Virginia								
Washington	X		X			X		
West Virginia	X	X						
Wisconsin				X		X		
Wyoming						X		
Total States	13	2	3	13	8	14	12	

PROVIDER PAYMENT INITIATIVES

State	Rate Increases	One time bonus payments	Hazard pay	Paid leave	Funds for PPE/COVID impacts	Requirement for Funds to be Passed to Direct Care Workers	Rate/Actuarial Study	Other
Alabama	X				X	X		Provide Provider Service Grants to incentivize expansion of waiver services.
Alaska								Pilot a new rate structure adjusted based on staffing patterns for people with a history of being complex to service.
Arizona							X	
Arkansas								
California		X					X	Grants to increase home and community-based clinical workforce; funding for HCBS direct care providers (training stipends, workforce development); housing and homelessness incentive program
Colorado	X	X	X				X	Provide payments to support single occupancy in assisted living facilities and group homes
Connecticut	X				X			Develop an incentive payment program to encourage providers to consolidate current vacancies in congregate settings and redistribute the savings to individuals on the state's residential waiting lists; Issue temporary payments for authorizations that move individuals to more independent residential settings or toward competitively-based employment
DC		X					X	Conversion of staff employed during the PHE through reciprocity or flexibility agreements to certified direct care staff; direct worker transportation benefit; reimburse provider for vaccine incentives; establish rate for C-MAs
Delaware	X				X		X	
Florida		X						Rate increase to assist eligible children with medically complex conditions to receive continual medical care.
Georgia			X				X	

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Hawaii	X					X	X	Other initiatives remain under consideration pending CMS feedback
Idaho						X		Per legislative direction, the increase is only used for temporary pay increases or bonuses for direct care workers. Will be paid out via 4 rounds beginning summer 2021 and ending March 2022
Illinois	X	X				X		Funds to ADS providers to off-set costs associated with the enhancement of required community outings; Provide financial support to providers for 1915(i) children's behavioral health HCBS implementation, including training and onboarding of clinical staff, creating program policies and procedures, and establishing operational infrastructure and processes
Indiana					X		X	Explore subsidized childcare
Iowa								
Kansas								
Kentucky		X			X	X	X	
Louisiana							X	
Maine						X		
Maryland	X	X						Grants to providers/NPs for new resources & infrastructure to enhance independence
Massachusetts	X					X		
Michigan		X	X					
Minnesota	X						X	Establish designation of a disproportionate share facility for those serving 80% or more elderly waiver participants; establishes a rate floor of \$119/day for customized living services; establishes statewide per diem rate for adult foster care providers that provide residential crisis; Increase access to enhanced rates in PCA and CFSS programs by changing eligibility criteria from 12 hours of support to 10 a day

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Mississippi							X	Award grants for one-time projects on PCP, improve quality, interagency work, SDOH, strong workforce
Missouri	X							Funding to standardize DD res hab rates; interest in further increasing rates for DCWs, but requires leg approval
Montana	X					X	X	
Nebraska							X	
Nevada	X	X				X	X	Align rates to minimum wage standards
New Hampshire		X				X		Create supplemental payment pool with required % to go to DCWs. Create payment tools for targeted HCBS providers to be distributed via state's managed care program. Funds would need to be used for targeted staff such as DSP, rehab professionals, family caregivers, case managers, PDNs, residential care and SUD/MH staff.
New Jersey	X					X	X	
New Mexico	X	X	X		X	X		Grants to clinics/physician offices/hospitals/PDN/HH for loan repayment, sign on bonuses, training, certification costs
New York	X	X			X	X		Funds provided through a directed payment preprint to Medicaid MCOs and administered as grants to providers meeting specific qualifications and based on service utilization. Funding would go directly to mental health providers; Advance Children's Services IT Infrastructure -- Providers may choose from a list of infrastructure and administrative assistance strategies funded by a development fund or grant process; Support for Adult Day Health Centers and Social Adult Day Centers Reopening
North Carolina	X					X	X	

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North Dakota							X	Consider providing an incentive payment to providers that offers services in a Family Care Option setting
Ohio							X	Explore opportunities to provide targeted, time-limited immediate relief with a portion of the ARPA funding.
Oklahoma	X				X		X	
Oregon	X	X	X				X	Enhance services, benefits, and training opportunities available to Personal Care Attendants & Personal Service Workers. Funding for community DD programs/Brokerages to encourage engagement in local initiatives to improve, increase and expand access to IDD services
Pennsylvania	X				X		X	Fund a nurse's ability to shadow the current nurse for private duty nursing cases; Purchase consultation for the development and implementation of selective contracting and alternative contract methods.
Rhode Island					X		X	
South Carolina	X		X		X	X		Retainer payments for providers
Tennessee	X						X	
Texas		X				X		Paid Time off for COVID vaccine
Utah	X							Supplemental payments have requirements associated with them that differ based on provider-type (i.e.: different for HCBS, behavioral health, and school based skill development providers)
Vermont	X				X			Grants to providers and CBOs for programming that addresses the safety concerns of individuals and families (COVID) and provides opportunities with HCBS needs to participate in community activities; Grants to providers and community-based organizations to develop and provide health and wellness programs for individuals with HCBS needs
Virginia	X				X			Unspecified funding
Washington	X				X			

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West Virginia	X	X				X		Grants designed to facilitate an enhancement for current mental health providers to transition to certified community behavioral health centers
Wisconsin	X						X	
Wyoming	X					X		
Total States	28	15	6	0	14	18	25	

PROVIDER RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

State	Funds for Provider Training & Certifications	Online Education Hubs	Career Ladders	Provider Registry	Bonuses Specifically for Recruitment and Retention	Higher Pay for Completing Classes	Initiatives to Raise Awareness of Direct Care Jobs	Other
Alabama	X				X			Training for home health workers and direct support professionals specific to COVID-19
Alaska	X							
Arizona	X	X						CEUs/Medical Education (CME) for I/DD providers; Behavioral Health Practice Tools as CEUs/CME; comprehensive workforce development plan
Arkansas								HCBS workforce stabilization and quality improvement
California	X		X				X	
Colorado	X		X	X	X		X	Expand data infrastructure to track recruitment, retention, and turnover strategies; create job search/employee matching hub for direct care workers; partner w/ hospitals and rural health clinics to create share workforce skill sets/systems of care
Connecticut					X			One-time funding to offset COVID-19 related impacts
DC	X				X			
Delaware	X				X		X	Nursing incentive campaign for nurses providing home care; tuition assistance for nurses who provide home care services; funding for specialized training to build capacity in MH, SUD, dementia, complex Medicaid conditions, cultural, and disability competency
Florida					X			
Georgia	X				X			Develop additional HCBS training and workforce development programs
Hawaii	X	X	X		X	X	X	Other initiatives remain under consideration pending CMS feedback
Idaho								
Illinois	X			X				

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Indiana	X		X	X	X		X	Research review of evidence-based or best practices used by other states and organizations that led to increased recruitment, retention, and career satisfaction among direct service workforce; Hold a Workforce Summit; Explore how to use a pay-for-outcomes strategy for provider recruitment and retention strategies; Coordinating and developing peer-learning networks to support DSWs
Iowa	X	X		X	X			Crisis Response training focused on the ID/DD population
Kansas	X		X		X			
Kentucky	X	X	X	X		X	X	Explore the development of a direct service professional certification area technical schools and colleges
Louisiana	X				X			Training for case managers etc. on: Mental Health First Aid (for both youth and adult populations) using a train-the-trainer model; Suicide prevention; Trauma-informed care and practice
Maine	X	X	X		X		X	Consolidation of existing training resources into 1 database; study to determine ongoing training needs; ASL and foreign language support; development of new training content as innovative practices are adopted.
Maryland								
Massachusetts	X		X	X		X		Curriculum for HH or in-home nursing cert, with a separate module for pediatric care in the home; increase internship and support for CBHI workforce; enhance existing pathways to licensure for CBHI clinicians; programs to incentivize language classes; programs to support DSWs requiring childcare or transport;

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Michigan	X							Expand student loan forgiveness for students in BH who commit to working in shortage areas in public children's BH system; fund internships in public child BH system; Identify and codify Supports Coordinator core competencies, the use of Independent Facilitation, Supports Brokering, and Support Coordinator Assistance; and create uniform statewide online core competency training
Minnesota	X				X			Establish community of practice for SUD providers and service recipients; funding for loan forgiveness for drug counselors/MH professionals;
Mississippi								
Missouri	X		X		X			
Montana								
Nebraska								
Nevada					X			
New Hampshire	X		X		X			
New Jersey	X				X			
New Mexico	X	X			X			Conduct one time needs assessment of HCBS provider capacity, including service utilization and DCW workforce assessment. Support the recruitment and retention of professors and slots for nursing school students supporting HCBS programs. Endow nursing teaching positions at higher education institutions to expand the capacity of the programs to serve more students. May consider endowing other critical positions that might be needed to support the expansion, particularly as it relates to encouraging nurse graduates to work in the HCBS field.

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New York	X	X	X	X	X			Workforce recruitment initiative to identify and implement data-driven strategies for recruitment; Expand Recruitment and Retention of Culturally Competent, Culturally Responsive and Diverse Personnel; Worker transportation grants to eligible home care agencies to address barriers to worker recruitment or retention; Enhance the Children's Services Workforce, Impact capacity building and eliminate waitlists with workforce development strategies
North Carolina	X		X		X		X	Work with NC higher education system and Department of Labor to coordinate additional workforce development activities to further enhance the direct care workforce; Provide community college credits to individuals, potentially for on-the-job competency-based training
North Dakota	X		X					Develop a pilot program that supports both the recruitment and retention of direct care workforce in the HCBS industry; Engage workforce partners to identify financial incentives that would be meaningful to members of the workforce and impactful in terms of overall workforce availability; Consider targeted incentives for specified service types (ex. respite), enhanced training / endorsements, duration of service, and complexity of care
Ohio								Work with stakeholders to identify innovative approaches to address workforce issues in ways that are sustainable and will have long term positive impacts.
Oklahoma	X	X		X			X	
Oregon	X	X			X		X	Provide seed funding toward a new healthcare trust for long term care workers

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Pennsylvania	X	X		X	X			Enhance shift nursing services through co-training hubs for families and nurses to train together on complex cases; Develop a medical home learning network to expand communications and supports to providers serving children with medical complexities; Expand the workforce with student loan forgiveness programs to recruit mental/behavioral health and substance use disorder providers; Fund scholarships to expand the number of certified peer specialists
Rhode Island	X				X	X	X	Support tuition waiver for direct care workers
South Carolina	X	X			X			
Tennessee			X		X	X		Reserve a portion of the quality incentive pool to incentivize increased development and capacity in: Competitive integrated employment; Use of Enabling Technology to support independence; Critical incident (reportable event) management; Benefits counseling
Texas	X	X		X	X			Strategize with provider agencies to identify innovative solutions to provider shortages
Utah								Implement a direct care workforce initiative to conduct a study and make recommendations for improvement.
Vermont	X	X	X	X	X		X	Evaluate training needs across the HCBS system and effective modalities for reaching each intended audience
Virginia	X							Unspecified recruitment and retention activities.
Washington	X							Paid time off for Medicaid individual providers
West Virginia	X				X			Training regarding treating eating disorders and adolescent sexual abuse victims
Wisconsin	X		X					
Wyoming	X					X		
Total States	38	13	16	11	29	6	12	

TECHNOLOGY FOR PROVIDERS

State	Funds for Devices for Providers	Funding for HIT Development and/or Integration	Funding to Support Provider EVV adoption, Promote Interoperability with State Systems, or Implement other Medicaid IT initiatives	Telehealth Improvements - General	Other
Alabama			X	X	
Alaska					
Arizona				X	
Arkansas					Funding for provider and client consultation, training, and capacity building focused on Enabling Technology and “Tech First” provider distinctions
California		X	X		Implement IT for data sharing
Colorado		X	X	X	Enhance technology systems and policies to address participant eligibility barriers; provide TA and member education on adopting virtual solutions, provide digital transformation workflow TA for virtual service delivery; implement the Colorado Centers of Excellence provider network for pain management
Connecticut					
DC				X	
Delaware					
Florida					
Georgia					
Hawaii		X			
Idaho					
Illinois					
Indiana					Grant funding to providers to update technological infrastructure in conjunction with a new Admission, Discharge, Transfer system rollout.
Iowa		X		X	
Kansas					
Kentucky				X	Examine current technology and tools to advance systems for both our administrative tasks and for efficiencies of the providers
Louisiana					
Maine		X	X	X	Extend provider database to new HCBS providers.

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Maryland		X			
Massachusetts					Enhance existing provider directories and expand to new populations
Michigan					
Minnesota				X	
Mississippi					
Missouri		X	X		
Montana					
Nebraska				X	Providers must develop protocols for the utilization of the technology, ensure it is HIPAA compliant, and meet all state and federal regulations for the use of technology for telehealth and telemonitoring.
Nevada					
New Hampshire					
New Jersey					
New Mexico		X			
New York		X	X	X	Fund incentive payments for Residential Habilitation Providers to expand the use of innovative technologies, housing options and staffing models.
North Carolina	X				
North Dakota	X				Enhance availability of resources to support informed choice and HCBS case management
Ohio					
Oklahoma	X				
Oregon	X				Funding for HIPAA Compliant technology for case management entities and providers
Pennsylvania		X	X	X	Advise agencies seeking to adopt remote supports and other technology solutions for individuals receiving HCBS

State	Funds for Devices for Providers	Funding for HIT Development and/or Integration	Funding to Support Provider EVV adoption, Promote Interoperability with State Systems, or Implement other Medicaid IT initiatives	Telehealth Improvements - General	Other
Rhode Island	X				Ensure provider agencies and individuals who self-direct their support services have access to funding for technology training; Establish 3-year pilot project to develop remote staffing model.
South Carolina				X	
Tennessee					
Texas	X	X			Enhance technology that supports providers of LTSS to people with IDD
Utah			X		
Vermont	X	X	X		Develop a targeted technical assistance program to provide support for Medicaid providers seeking to access, utilize, and share data to support integrated care coordination and population health management
Virginia					
Washington	X				
West Virginia			X		
Wisconsin					
Wyoming					
Total States	8	12	10	12	

TECHNOLOGY FOR STATE AGENCIES

State	Developing EHRs for LTSS	Implementing or Enhancing Case Management Systems	Implementing or Enhancing Health and Welfare Systems	Technology for ADRC/NWD	Telehealth	Electronic Visit Verification	General Technology Improvements	Other
Alabama							X	
Alaska			X					
Arizona								Develop an Online Database to Track and Monitor Workforce Development
Arkansas								
California	X			X			X	Create statewide LTSS dashboard linking NH, LTC, HCBS utilization and cost, CDPH licensing, ombudsman data, quality, and demographic data
Colorado	X	X						Utilize technology to identify service gaps and opportunities; explore and implement innovative technology that will improve diagnoses, services access, health outcomes, and program delivery; create a member portal to allow for easy access to benefit and service information; expand data sharing across entities, including state agencies
Connecticut			X	X		X	X	
DC	X	X			X		X	Fund implementation of a processing system to streamline and enable better management of HCBS individuals transitioning to and from institutional settings
Delaware			X					Invest in data matching/cross-sector data sharing
Florida								
Georgia		X	X		X			
Hawaii			X		X	X		Other initiatives remain under consideration pending CMS feedback
Idaho								
Illinois								

State	Developing EHRs for LTSS	Implementing or Enhancing Case Management Systems	Implementing or Enhancing Health and Welfare Systems	Technology for ADRC/NWD	Telehealth	Electronic Visit Verification	General Technology Improvements	Other
Indiana	X	X		X	X		X	Provide access to mobile applications that support individuals with their person-centered planning; Plan and operationalize processes to bring in Medicare encounter data from state D-SNPs and integrate with the State's enterprise data warehouse; Implementation of and Enhancements to the BDDS Portal: Support monitoring and management of outcomes, person-centered planning processes, and compliance monitoring for the HCBS Settings Rule; Caregiver Assessment Technology: Assess use of caregiver assessment platforms; Assess data integration and HCBS measurement
Iowa								
Kansas								
Kentucky						X	X	
Louisiana								
Maine		X	X				X	
Maryland								
Massachusetts				X				Data exchange infrastructure to improve data sharing across state agencies; support CBOs in accessing admission/discharge data for consumers; improve ability to communicate across CBOs, providers, and caregivers
Michigan								
Minnesota	X			X				
Mississippi	X					X	X	Expansion of data sharing across entities, including state agencies
Missouri	X	X				X	X	Research and planning for additional health IT tools
Montana								
Nebraska								
Nevada			X				X	
New Hampshire								
New Jersey								
New Mexico				X			X	Establish a "Closed-loop referral" technology-enabled workflow that provides real-time view of the status of the patient, while exchanging data amongst team, assigning tasks, and reporting on outcomes.
New York	X						X	
North Carolina					X			
North Dakota							X	

State	Developing EHRs for LTSS	Implementing or Enhancing Case Management Systems	Implementing or Enhancing Health and Welfare Systems	Technology for ADRC/NWD	Telehealth	Electronic Visit Verification	General Technology Improvements	Other
Ohio					X			Allow electronic signatures
Oklahoma	X	X	X				X	Develop data dashboard for performance monitoring and reporting; Develop a Digital Communication Network between the ADVantage Waiver and the Oklahoma Hospital System to communicate referrals for waiver services; care coordination; and submission of questions or requests for guidance of specific member situations; Software to automate the PASRR program and store data a central location available and adaptable to nurses, PASRR program representatives and the programs manager.
Oregon		X					X	Create statewide electronic education health related records that builds on existing data captures for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to include service documentation and records; Expand the Employment Outcome Survey web-site to include publicly available, easy to access opening/vacancy information for other types of service providers.
Pennsylvania			X					
Rhode Island	X			X	X		X	Patient-centered coordination and electronic referral management software to build a coordinated care network of health and social service providers; Expand Integrated Data Ecosystem and Medicaid analytic capability
South Carolina		X	X					
Tennessee								
Texas		X		X			X	Develop an interoperable provider monitoring tool to oversee providers in community-based programs; Develop an electronic data interface [EDI] between the LIDDAs [IDD service coordinators] and the LTC portal;
Utah		X	X					
Vermont		X	X				X	Assess the feasibility of embedding a patient engagement platform into the delivery system.
Virginia			X					Capital investments needed for developing and improving interagency systems, such as identifying critical incidents and social needs;
Washington								
West Virginia		X	X				X	Explore development of an interface between its Department of Corrections and BMS to

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								expedite services upon discharge from a facility.
Wisconsin								
Wyoming		X	X					
Total States	10	14	15	8	7	5	19	

CAPITAL/STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS

State	Funds to Increase Providers' Physical Capacity	Changes to Increase COVID Safety	Changes for Emergency Preparedness	Changes for Compliance with the Settings Rule	Funds to Transform Institutional Settings	Other
Alabama						
Alaska						
Arizona	X					
Arkansas						Funding for renovation/ infrastructure build to service complex clients
California	X		X			Updating equipment/facilities at nutrition sites
Colorado			X			
Connecticut						
DC						
Delaware						
Florida				X		
Georgia						
Hawaii						
Idaho						
Illinois						
Indiana					X	
Iowa				X		
Kansas						
Kentucky		X		X		
Louisiana						
Maine						
Maryland						
Massachusetts						
Michigan						
Minnesota						
Mississippi						
Missouri						
Montana						
Nebraska					X	
Nevada						
New Hampshire						
New Jersey					X	
New Mexico						One-time infrastructure payments to behavioral health facilities to assist with purchase of technology platforms, vehicles, construction, buildings, etc.
New York		X		X		
North Carolina						

State	Funds to Increase Providers' Physical Capacity	Changes to Increase COVID Safety	Changes for Emergency Preparedness	Changes for Compliance with the Settings Rule	Funds to Transform Institutional Settings	Other
North Dakota						
Ohio						
Oklahoma	X	X				
Oregon	X		X			Grant funding up to \$25,000 to an estimated 125 congregate meal sites to help modernize infrastructure; Long term care capital improvement fund for improvements to building infrastructure and capacity; Offer grants to group home agencies and AFHs to make significant repairs and improve accessibility for the homes; Assess the long term maintenance needs of certain homes under bond and those no longer under the bond, and use funding to perform that maintenance.
Pennsylvania		X				
Rhode Island	X				X	
South Carolina			X			
Tennessee						
Texas						
Utah				X	X	
Vermont						Funding for providers that can be for capital improvements focused on increasing accessibility, promoting safety, improving services, promoting provider sustainability, and increasing energy efficiency
Virginia						
Washington	X					
West Virginia						
Wisconsin						
Wyoming						
Total States	6	4	4	5	5	

HCBS QUALITY INITIATIVES

State	Consumer Survey	Training/Outreach on Quality	Developing/Redoing Metrics	Pay for Performance or Similar Initiatives	Other
Alabama					
Alaska					
Arizona	X				
Arkansas					HCBS workforce quality and structure study
California				X	
Colorado	X	X	X	X	Establish PACE licensure type; identify providers who deliver higher quality care and better member experience outcomes to HCBS members and establish a Colorado Providers of Distinction network designation
Connecticut	X	X	X	X	Create and Implement Quality Management Tool Kit for HCBS Participants
DC	X			X	Implement program structures that will ensure quality of care across all new programs, especially MLTSS
Delaware					
Florida					
Georgia					
Hawaii	X	X			Other initiatives remain under consideration pending CMS feedback
Idaho					
Illinois					
Indiana	X			X	
Iowa					
Kansas					
Kentucky				X	
Louisiana				X	
Maine	X		X	X	Quality oversight policy and systems
Maryland					
Massachusetts					Establish public LTSS dashboard w/ HCBS and facility based data
Michigan			X		Develop a data & quality team

State	Consumer Survey	Training/Outreach on Quality	Developing/Redoing Metrics	Pay for Performance or Similar Initiatives	Other
Minnesota					Grants to customized living providers serving people on the Elderly Waiver or disability waivers for projects that increase the quality of services
Mississippi					
Missouri				X	Additional provider review services to enhance services; Enhance DD Medication Certification.
Montana					
Nebraska					
Nevada					
New Hampshire					
New Jersey				X	
New Mexico	X		X		Implement improvements to quality measurement, oversight, and improvement activities.
New York					
North Carolina	X		X		Health Plans are required to attain NCQA LTSS Distinction by contract year three and will be held accountable for these measures
North Dakota	X				
Ohio					
Oklahoma			X		
Oregon				X	
Pennsylvania				X	
Rhode Island			X		Gants to fund quality improvement programs; All grants must show an impact to address racial and ethnic disparities
South Carolina					Enhance implementation of the quality improvement strategy
Tennessee				X	
Texas					
Utah					
Vermont		X		X	Quality improvement efforts to improve care coordination and member experience with HCBS services
Virginia				X	
Washington					

State	Consumer Survey	Training/Outreach on Quality	Developing/Redoing Metrics	Pay for Performance or Similar Initiatives	Other
West Virginia		X			
Wisconsin	X				
Wyoming	X				
Total States	12	5	8	15	

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

State	Strategic Plan Development	Policy Analysis and Development	Program Evaluation	General Program Improvements	Consumer/Stakeholder Outreach	State Staff Training	Waitlist Management	System and Service Models Improvement	State Staff or Contracted Project Management	Other
Alabama										
Alaska										
Arizona					X					
Arkansas			X		X				X	
California										
Colorado	X	X	X	X		X		X		Extend and expand the supported employment pilot to allow for additional data collection and analysis of incentive-based payments for supported employment services; Study successful initiatives implemented by other states and nations and develop pilot programs (child care for DSP, older adult/college student affordable housing, college credit for home services, additional respite, hospital community investment)
Connecticut	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	Improve medication administration training and make it consistent statewide
DC	X	X	X		X					Conduct a comprehensive research study into the short- and long-term effects COVID has had on people supported by DDS
Delaware										
Florida									X	
Georgia			X							
Hawaii	X	X	X	X	X				X	Other initiatives remain under consideration pending CMS feedback
Idaho										
Illinois										
Indiana	X	X	X		X	X				Develop a comprehensive approach to employment, including emphasizing enhanced benefits planning support and the use of quality-driven payment mechanisms, such as pay for performance.
Iowa		X								
Kansas	X	X	X				X		X	
Kentucky	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
Louisiana			X			X				
Maine		X	X		X	X		X		HCBS setting rule remediation
Maryland								X		Expediting new placements in HCBS and improve processing of person-centered plans; grant administration
Massachusetts										
Michigan					X	X		X		
Minnesota	X	X	X		X			X		Waiver redesign, including consolidating 4 waivers into 2 and implementing an individual budgeting model; actuarial study of financing reform options for LTSS to increase HCBS access; taskforce to review background study disqualifications; study whether to add PCA services provided in acute care hospitals to state plan benefit
Mississippi	X		X		X				X	Innovation grants managed by committee of DOM staff from diff program areas; Consultation fees for Independent Validation and Verification vendors and a data analyst/scientist.
Missouri										

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Montana										
Nebraska										
Nevada		X	X						X	Join the Medicaid Evidence-Based Decisions Project, the Drug Effectiveness Review Project and the State Medicaid Alternative Reimbursement and Purchasing Test for high cost drugs.
New Hampshire										
New Jersey										
New Mexico	X				X	X				Support DOH and HSD campaign (social media/texting, TV, language translators, calls to waitlist members, community-based outreach) on accessing HCBS services
New York	X		X	X				X		Connecting IDD Service System and County-Based Crisis Services: Pilot to test models for connecting of IDD emergency system to county-based mobile crisis services
North Carolina	X		X			X	X			
North Dakota	X		X	X					X	
Ohio	X							X		
Oklahoma	X				X	X	X			
Oregon	X	X		X	X	X			X	Short-term clinical support to establish a scope of work for a future, ongoing contract with a partner university or specialized clinic; Funding to Assess rules, contracts, and IT system to ensure they meet requirements for demographic data collection.
Pennsylvania							X		X	
Rhode Island	X	X	X		X				X	
South Carolina										
Tennessee										
Texas			X	X	X		X		X	Provider Oversight Tool; Provider Compliance Monitoring
Utah			X				X		X	
Vermont	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	Evaluate how Medicaid providers currently store, access, utilize, and share information about the full range of enrollee needs and associated service utilization; Develop a series of analytic reports and tools using data from the VHIE and other sources to improve care management
Virginia										
Washington						X		X		Expansion of caseload and per-capita cost of Preadmission Screening and Resident Review; Grants to fire departments to implement safe station pilot programs
West Virginia	X	X	X	X				X		
Wisconsin			X							
Wyoming				X						
Total States	19	15	23	10	15	13	7	11	15	

OTHER INITIATIVES NOT CATEGORIZED ELSEWHERE

State	Substance Use Disorder	SDOH	Homeless	Housing Support	Behavioral Health	Children Focused Initiatives	Brain Injury	Diversity, Equity, and/or Inclusion	Social Isolation	Training Medical/Clinical Staff	Other
Alabama	X			X	X	X					
Alaska											
Arizona		X						X			
Arkansas											
California	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			Community-based residential continuum pilot: economic stimulus payment and employment services to support transition into community; social recreation and camp services
Colorado		X	X		X			X			
Connecticut	X			X			X	X			
DC				X	X						
Delaware				X	X	X	X			X	
Florida				X	X						
Georgia											
Hawaii				X	X						Other initiatives remain under consideration pending CMS feedback
Idaho											
Illinois					X					X	Reserved funding for initiatives under development
Indiana		X			X			X	X		
Iowa											
Kansas											
Kentucky					X			X			
Louisiana								X		X	
Maine					X	X		X			Innovation pilots: independence enhancing tech, innovative living arrangements, peer support models, improved transitions; service models to return out of state placements to ME; addl integration services. Crisis services enhancements.
Maryland											

State	Substance Use Disorder	SDOH	Homeless	Housing Support	Behavioral Health	Children Focused Initiatives	Brain Injury	Diversity, Equity, and/or Inclusion	Social Isolation	Training Medical/Clinical Staff	Other
Massachusetts			X					X			Incorporate HCBS organizations with preceptors and program funds into the state's Centralized Clinical Placement Program to allow nursing students to complete clinical placements in an in-home setting
Michigan	X				X	X				X	
Minnesota	X			X	X	X		X			Funding to CILs to support PWDs; funding to work w/ individuals exiting correctional facilities; funding 100 counties/tribes/CBOs to become age-friendly
Mississippi		X									
Missouri						X					Build on existing health homes to ID HCBS participants w/ highest costs and provide care coordination, and provide analysis to inform future investments. Develop health risk screening.
Montana											
Nebraska											Funding of non-fed share for ACL grants to SUA under ARPA.
Nevada											
New Hampshire			X				X				
New Jersey				X	X		X				
New Mexico				X		X					

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New York				X		X		X			Invest in a Community Engagement Initiative – HCBS Day Services, convert center-based day services into more integrated community day services that will allow for greater interaction and independence in the community
North Carolina				X	X				X		Support strategies for infection control, training, and on-going surveillance. Develop initial and on-going training and surveillance to sustain the effective policies and procedure for infection control learned through the ICAR program; Partner with county departments of public health to hire dedicated staff to carry out these infection control practices on a county level for the more than 600 family care homes and adult day health centers across the state
North Dakota					X	X					
Ohio								X			
Oklahoma											
Oregon					X			X	X		Allocate \$3M to establish an innovation fund to improve the Long Term Services and Supports system.
Pennsylvania	X	X			X	X				X	

State	Substance Use Disorder	SDOH	Homeless	Housing Support	Behavioral Health	Children Focused Initiatives	Brain Injury	Diversity, Equity, and/or Inclusion	Social Isolation	Training Medical/Clinical Staff	Other
Rhode Island	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			Grant program to incentivize providers to improve access to and quality of integrated community day and employment support programs; One-time financial support for DD organizations to promote organizational change and capacity building to improve quality through technical assistance
South Carolina											
Tennessee											
Texas					X						
Utah											Grants for providers to accomplish items such as: Projects to comply with EVV mandate; One time purchases of equipment to increase waiver participant independence and community access; Other projects as proposed by providers
Vermont		X			X	X		X			Issue innovation grants to improve care integration of HCBS with other services.
Virginia											
Washington					X	X					Fall prevention training for long-term care facilities; include social worker as part of home health
West Virginia					X	X					Training to first responders and other public servants (such as judges and attorneys) to assist with appropriate de-escalation of individuals in crisis
Wisconsin								X			
Wyoming								X			
Total States	7	7	5	12	23	15	6	17	3	5	