



Introduction

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) created the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program. This funding aids state, local, and Tribal governments in their response and recovery efforts resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Nevada Governor's Office recognizes the impact COVID-19 has had on long term care services, particularly the frontline workforce. To help address recruitment and retention challenges long term care providers have experienced, the Governor's Office has authorized a one-time payment to qualified Assisted Living facilities which will be distributed by Nevada Medicaid also known as Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP).

Who is eligible for the one-time payment?

This one-time payment is available to the following enrolled Medicaid provider facilities in good standing:

- PT 55 (1915(i) Home and Community Based State Plan Option- Residential Habilitation)
- PT 57 (Home and Community Based Waiver for the Frail Elderly in Residential Facilities for Groups)
- PT 58 Specialty 48 (Home and Community Based Waiver for the Physically Disabled)
- PT 59 (Home and Community Based Waiver for the Frail Elderly in an Assisted Living Facility)

If a provider is enrolled in more than one provider type, an application will need to be submitted for each provider type and corresponding National Provider Identification Number.

How to use the funding

According to the [Final Rule](#) through the United States Treasury, the ARPA funds through the SLFRF program can only be spent on activities that fall within the following three categories:

1. **Recruitment and Retention-** Salary bonuses or incentives to help create a more competitive health care workforce and retention the existing workforce.
*All retention incentives must be in addition to employees' regular rate of wages and cannot be used to reduce or substitute normal earnings.
2. **Workforce Shortage Needs-** Additional funding for overtime and cost associated with the use of temporary staffing agencies.
3. **Training and Education Costs-** Activities that comply with state and federal education/training requirements and increased infection control requirements from the pandemic.

The funding can be used for prior expenditures incurred during the Public Health Emergency effective January 27, 2020. Any provider who accepts the one-time payment must spend all of the funds by October 1, 2023.

Audit

Upon disbursement of the funds, the DHCFP will be conducting an audit to ensure that funds were spent in accordance with the requirements. There will be a reporting template and back up documentation will also be required to demonstrate how the funds were utilized within the categories.

How payments are calculated

The DHCFP was awarded approximately \$5,000,000 of which 75% is to be distributed to Medicaid enrolled Residential Facility for Group or Assisted Living providers. The allocation of the payment is determined by the licensed bed count for each Residential Facility for Group issued by the BHCQC.

Any unallocated funds will be returned to the Governor's Finance Office.

How will the one-time payment be made to providers?

- **Eligibility** – Enrolled Medicaid Provider Types 55, 57, 58 Specialty 48, and 59 in good standing.
- **What** – One-time payment based on an applicant's licensed bed count.
- **When** – Applications will be accepted starting March 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023 (60-days).
- **Distribution** – Upon approval of the application, the DHCFP will process the payment which can take up to four weeks. An award letter containing the amount of the one-time payment issued to the applicant will be emailed.
- **Unspent funds** - If the funds cannot be expended as specified, any unspent funds must be returned to Nevada Medicaid. For instructions to return funds, email: AmericanRescuePlan@dchfp.nv.gov.

Where can I find additional information?

Visit the Nevada Medicaid ARPA webpage <https://dchfp.nv.gov/Pgms/LTSS/AmericanRescuePlan> or send questions to AmericanRescuePlan@dchfp.nv.gov.