

PROVIDER ALERT

Seeking Stakeholder Input: American Rescue Plan Act and Federal Medical Assistance Percentage

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Target Audience: All Behavioral Health Partners

This alert was originally released on October 19, 2021 and contained an inactive website link. Please refer to this copy for an active link to the [Stakeholder FMAP Reinvestment Ideas](#) document.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was enacted on March 11, 2021, and authorized States to collect a temporary increase in federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP, or federal matching funds) for Medicaid-funded home and community-based services. States are required to use these additional federal funds to invest in enhancing, expanding, or strengthening their network of Medicaid-funded home and community-based services.

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is seeking suggestions from our stakeholder network on how these federal funds may be used in Maryland. **We will collect suggestions through November 15th.**

Anyone interested in suggesting activities to support Maryland's home and community-based services network should either:

- Complete the [Stakeholder FMAP Reinvestment Ideas \(google.com\)](#)
- Email BHA.INQUIRIES@maryland.gov with **Stakeholder FMAP Reinvestment** in the subject line. Please include the following details in your message:
 - Your name, contact information, and organizational affiliation (if applicable).
 - Brief description of suggested program or activity.
 - What priorities, special populations, and needs the activity addresses.

Thank you
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