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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 22-075  
CLARIFICATION

## **Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Spending Plan Narrative Update**

### **Policy Summary:**

Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act provides states with additional federal funding for Medicaid HCBS. States received a time-limited 10 percentage point increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for certain Medicaid expenditures from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. These funds present an unprecedented opportunity to enhance, expand and strengthen HCBS under the Medicaid program. The Agency of Human Services (AHS) submitted an Initial Spending Plan Narrative in June 2021 outlining Vermont's plan to utilize the HCBS FMAP funding (see [GCR 21-039](#)). In accordance with guidance from CMS, AHS submitted an updated HCBS Spending Plan Narrative on July 18, 2022. The updated Narrative includes revised spending projections and reports on the state's progress towards implementing approved activities. Additional details and a copy of the updated Spending Plan Narrative can be found on Vermont's [Home and Community-Based Services Enhanced Funding](#) page.

### **Effective Date:**

The enhanced FMAP was available from April 1, 2021 – March 2022. States are permitted to use the state funds equivalent to the amount of federal funds attributable to the increased FMAP through March 31, 2025.

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

[Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#)

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#)

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

### **Public Comment Period:**

AHS is accepting public comments throughout the program period (ending March 31, 2025).

Send comments to:  
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Or submit via e-mail to [AHS.HCBSFMAP@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.HCBSFMAP@vermont.gov).

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**Additional Information:**

On June 3, 2022, CMS notified states that they now have an additional year – through March 31, 2025 – to use HCBS FMAP funding. See the [State Medicaid Director Letter 22-002](#) for more information.

On July 15, 2022 Vermont received approval for the previous HCBS Spending Plan Narrative Update submitted on April 18, 2022.