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# Global Commitment Register

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CLARIFICATION

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

### **Policy Summary:**

Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 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](#)) and updated Spending Plan Narratives in July 2022 (see [GCR 22-075](#)), January 2023 (see [GCR 23-022](#)), July 2023 (see [GCR 23-106](#)), and January 2024 (see [GCR 20-019](#)). In accordance with guidance from CMS, AHS submitted an updated HCBS Spending Plan Narrative on August 1, 2024. 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. Vermont is permitted to use the state funds equivalent to the amount of federal funds attributable to the increased FMAP through March 31, 2026.

### **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, 2026).

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

To be added to the GCR email list, send an email to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov).

**Additional Information:**

In June 2024, CMS granted Vermont a one-year extension, from March 31, 2025 to March 31, 2026, to fully expend state funds equivalent to the amount of federal funds attributable to the increased federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) under section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.