

June 20, 2022

Re: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Payments

Dear Provider:

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide time-limited payment to agency providers and consumer-directed services employers to support recruitment and retention efforts, as specified in state law (Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC) Section 355.207). This payment is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 which provides states with a temporary increase to the federal funds for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) if certain federal requirements are met.

Under this plan, providers and provider agencies are required to use at least 90 percent of these funds for time-limited financial compensation for their direct care workforce (attendant delivering state plan or HCBS services or a nurse delivering HCBS services). The funds paid from ARPA may be used for recruitment bonuses, retention bonuses and paid-time off for COVID-19 vaccination and boosters.

To be eligible for the ARPA payment, providers must attest by August 15, 2022, that the monies received will be used correctly and must appear on HHSC's attestation file provided to MCOs. To complete HHSC's attestation, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2QG7NSB>. Please note, Molina Healthcare will recover any payments from providers who fail to properly complete HHSC's attestation and/or reporting requirements, as directed by HHSC.

To distribute the time-limited payment, reduce the needs for claims reprocessing and expedite payment to providers, Molina will be issuing lump sum check payments. The payments will be based on each provider's claims utilization from March 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022. To simplify the process and payment to providers, accompanying the payment, Molina will also issue a letter to providers that will inform them of the claims and timelines for which payments are being made. Molina will begin issuance of the payments following receipt of the state's final fee schedule in June 2022, with subsequent payments in July and October 2022.

To ensure timely delivery of your payment, please complete and return the enclosed "New Vendor Setup Form," along with a recent W-9 to [VendorInvoices@MolinaHealthcare.com](mailto:VendorInvoices@MolinaHealthcare.com).

If a vendor set up form is not received timely, the initial check payment may be delayed to one of the subsequent payment dates. Please note, completion of the new vendor set



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up form will not impact any information that you have previously supplied for claims payment.

If you have any questions regarding the ARPA payments, please contact [MHTXHomeHealth@MolinaHealthcare.com](mailto:MHTXHomeHealth@MolinaHealthcare.com).

Sincerely,  
Molina Healthcare of Texas