

The next CMS Long-Term Services and Supports Open Door Forum scheduled for:  
Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern Time (ET)

Please dial-in at least 15 minutes before call start time.

Conference Leaders: Jodie Sumeracki, CMCS and Jill Darling, CMS Office of Communications

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## I. Opening Remarks

Chair – Jodie Sumeracki (CMCS)

Moderator – Jill Darling (OC)

Please join our partners from the Medicaid Benefits and Health Programs Group (MBHPG) at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for a national overview of state home and community-based (HCBS) spending under section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Section 9817 of the ARP provides qualifying states with a temporary 10 percentage point increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for certain Medicaid expenditures for HCBS beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022. This increased funding represents a rare opportunity for states to identify and implement changes aimed at addressing existing HCBS workforce and structural issues, expand the capacity of critical services, and begin to meet the needs of people on HCBS waitlists and family caregivers. This funding has also provided states an important opportunity to enhance individual autonomy and community integration in accordance with the home and community-based settings regulation, Olmstead implementation, and other rebalancing efforts. States have until March 31, 2025 to expend the funds and states expect to spend nearly \$37 billion on activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS as a result of ARP section 9817.

## II. Open Q&A

For questions, please email: [LTSS@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:LTSS@cms.hhs.gov)

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