

## Federal Legislation Update

The most significant federal pieces of legislation currently impacting Medicaid are:

Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)  
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)  
American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA).

ARPA as the newest legislation is the focus of our discussion today. The American Recovery Plan Act contains a significant amount of funding for programs managed by DPHHS. In Montana grants/funding made available by the federal government also must be authorized at the state level in the form of an appropriation. The 2021 legislature issued high level appropriations for ARPA programs via HB 632. Additionally, HB 632 set forward a process by which Montana will allocate and implement the programs funded under ARPA.

## Montana Medicaid Implementation of ARPA

HB 632 charges a newly created ARPA Health Advisory Commission with recommending how funds allocated to DPHHS for ARPA will be used. (HB 632 Sections 18-20)

### Membership

The commission consists of: (i) three senators, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the senate president; (ii) four representatives, three from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house; and (iii) three members appointed by the governor.

### Meeting(s)

The first meeting of the commission is to occur no later than 06/11/2021.

### Medicaid Topics

Medicaid related topics in HB 632 that the commission may choose to discuss.

State Option to Extend Medicaid and Chip Coverage Postpartum  
State Option for Community-Based Mobile Crisis Interventions  
Enhanced FMAP for Home and Community Based Services with Maintenance of Effort