



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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ARPA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTED PAYMENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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As communicated on [March 21, 2022](#) and [May 3, 2022](#), AHCCCS received federal approval to allocate one-time funding to recruit and retain a knowledgeable and well-trained workforce as part of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending plan. Maintaining and strengthening the direct care workforce through time-limited payments to providers is the most straightforward strategy to incentivize workers to enter or remain in the workforce. This funding is intended to assist Qualified Vendors retain and recruit direct care staff.

Distribution of funding to Qualified Vendors has begun and all Qualified Vendors are required to submit an attestation. Qualified Vendors must attest that they will distribute a minimum of 80% of the ARPA Directed Payments to direct support professionals and their direct supervisors. The remaining 20% of the ARPA Directed Payments do not have any requirements and can be used for expenses related to upcoming system enhancement and implementations. In response to questions received from Qualified Vendors, the Division has created a [frequently asked questions](#) document that provides further clarification about how these funds can be used.

Attestation forms were sent directly to the Qualified Vendors who provided home and community based services (HCBS) from October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, the period of performance year 1 funding. For vendors who qualify for year 1 funding, please submit the attestation by May 31 to avoid forfeiture of funds. Please submit any questions about these payments or the attestation to DDDBusinessOperationsComments@azdes.gov.