

## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) County Allocation

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question	Answer
1. Can counties use additional staff funding to provide bonuses to existing staff?	A. No, these funds are to be used to address Administrative Entity (AE) functions that have increased in scope or scale including provider risk screening, intake and eligibility, waiver recertifications, certified investigations, incident management reviews, development of provider network capacity and other AE responsibilities outlined in the AE Operating Agreement.
2. Are individuals enrolled in the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) eligible for ARPA respite/Family Driven Support Services (FDSS) funds?	A. No, these funds are to be used for individuals who are not enrolled in any ODP waiver.
3. Will ARPA respite/FDSS funds be available beyond March 2024?	A. No, these funds must be spent and will not be available beyond March 2024.

<p>4. What happens to unspent ARPA respite/FDSS funds?</p>	<p>A. Unspent funds will be returned to ODP at the end of each Fiscal Year (FY) and reallocated to counties.</p>
<p>5. In the announcement it indicates there is a cap of \$2,000 per person, is this an annual cap, or a cap for the time period of the initiative ending March 31, 2024?</p>	<p>A. The cap is a per person annual (per FY) cap.</p>
<p>6. Are Family Support Services (FSS)/Individual Payments an allowable definition/procedure code for ARPA respite/FDSS funds?</p>	<p>A. Yes</p>
<p>7. Can ARPA respite/FDSS funds be used for individuals registered with an Autism only diagnosis?</p>	<p>A. Yes</p>
<p>8. Can ARPA respite/FDSS funds be used for individuals registered as a Child with a Complex Medical Condition?</p>	<p>A. Yes</p>
<p>9. If no funds were spent in a quarter do counties still have to send in their spreadsheet?</p>	<p>A. Yes, please send in the spreadsheet and in the accompanying email note that no funds have been spent that quarter.</p>

<p>10. Can ARPA funds be used to cover administrative costs associated with FDSS?</p>	<p>A. Counties should use existing processes for payment of ARPA. ARPA respite/FDSS funds cannot be used to cover administrative costs.</p>
<p>11. Are there requirements for AEs to collect documentation after funds have been paid?</p>	<p>A. The AE should maintain documentation of services and paid claims in accordance with existing policies or procedures related to FDSS/FSS. ODP strongly recommends obtaining evidence of service delivery and proof of payment.</p>
<p>12. Can ARPA respite/FDSS funds be used for individuals experiencing an emergency but not in emergency PUNS category?</p>	<p>A. The AE should first reevaluate the individual's status on PUNS and ensure PUNS does not need to be updated. If the emergency is short term in nature and does not require PUNS to be updated the ARPA respite/FDSS can be utilized without the individual being placed on Emergency PUNS. The ARPA respite/FDSS funds are to be used for individuals not enrolled in an ODP waiver.</p>