

# Supports Coordination Organization (SCO) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery Payments Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The purpose of this communication is to answer frequently asked questions regarding SCO ARPA recovery payments.

<b>Question:</b>	<b>Answer:</b>
Our SCO operates in multiple counties, but we are only taking new referrals in some counties where we have Supports Coordinators (SCs) with room on their caseload. Are we eligible for ARPA payment?	No, the SCO must be open in all locations where they are supporting individuals.
Our SCO is only open to siblings or immediate family members of individuals already in our services. Are we eligible for ARPA payment?	No, the SCO is not eligible for ARPA recovery payments.
Are we eligible for ARPA payments if upon 12/31/2023 we have accepted new referrals but had individuals voluntarily leave services or pass away and caseload size is less than it was 3/1/2023?	The SCO will be eligible for every new referral accepted between 1/1/2023-6/30/2023 if the number of individuals you are serving increases between 3/1-6/30/23. We expect that SCOs are backfilling caseloads when individuals leave, not shrinking.

	<p>*Note: ODP pushed back the date to be open for intakes to 3/1/23 in response to SCO feedback.</p>
<p>What does a new Intellectual Disability/Autism (ID/A) eligibility determination refer to? Would that be any new referral that meets the criteria in one of the four populations (ID, Autism, Developmentally Delayed and Medically Complex)?</p>	<p>Yes, any category of eligibility determination that is new to services is eligible.</p>
<p>What if a client closed and then opened back up for SC Services, would that meet the criteria?</p>	<p>No, only new intakes are eligible for supplemental payment.</p>
<p>Should the SCO be maintaining a list of intakes we believe will be eligible for supplemental payment?</p>	<p>While not required it would benefit the SCO to maintain documentation of intakes they believe will be eligible. ODP is not providing a format for tracking.</p>
<p>When a transfer from another county occurs, does that transfer meet the criteria as well?</p>	<p>No, only new intakes are eligible for supplemental payment.</p>
<p>When will more information be provided on ODP Announcement 23-001? Is there a link</p>	<p>SCOs should anticipate receiving their own baseline data in the next 1-2 months. More</p>

<p>or email that was sent after the original email sent January 6, 2023?</p>	<p>information will be available by December 2023.</p>
<p>Does the SCO have to be open as 1/1/23? Can an SCO reopen to intakes during that time frame and still be eligible for the payments?</p>	<p>The SCO must be open for intake as of 3/1/23 in order to be eligible for supplemental payments.</p>
<p>Are there a certain amount of participants that we have to commit to taking, for example can we say we are open and then close after we accept a certain number of participants that we are able to take. Or do we have to stay open for a certain period? We have a small waiting list, would we be able to take those participants and not fully open for intake?</p>	<p>No, the SCO must be open for intake to all referrals being received.</p>
<p>Can we follow our agency intake and admissions process? For example, screening the location of the participant and ensuring we are a good match for the participant and family.</p>	<p>Referrals that are inappropriate must be documented.</p>
<p>Please define what involuntary discharges include for SCOs? if we are not able to locate someone, because there is no</p>	<p>The SCO must document attempts to contact including physically going to the last known address of the individual.</p>

<p>response for months would this be included?</p>	
<p>Our SCO has been accepting a limited number of referrals over the past 6 months due to our SC vacancies, are we eligible for supplemental payment?</p>	<p>If the SCO was open to all new referrals as of 2/1/2023 and has increased the total caseload the SCO will be eligible for supplemental payments.</p>
<p>Will the SCO still be eligible for supplemental payments if the week before the claims data is reviewed several participants pass away, making it appear as if total case load was reduced but the SCO had been accepting referrals the entire eligibility period?</p>	<p>For extraordinary circumstances out of the control of the SCO please submit documentation to explain any potential decrease in caseload size for submission to <a href="mailto:RA-ratesetting@pa.gov">RA-ratesetting@pa.gov</a>.</p>
<p>Since the effective date for being open has been pushed back, can we still claim the new intakes for recovery and expansion payments?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>