

May 7, 2025 Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Subcommittee Meeting Follow-Up Items

Dan Sharar

1. **Related to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds**, Ali Kronley asked what percentage of providers have reported use of the ARPA fund.

Dan Sharar, OLTL Bureau Director of Finance, responded that for Act 24 (Personal Care Homes and Nursing Facilities), they estimate about 35% of providers have reported the use of ARPA funds and, for Act 54 (All Provider Types), about 15% of providers have reported using ARPA funds.

2. **Related to Assessment Fees and Provider Taxes**, Matt Seeley asked about the implications of the Federal budget and how it could potentially impact provider assessment fees and access to care amounts.

Dan Sharar responded that the reconciliation bill approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 22, 2025, includes at least two provisions that potentially affect provider taxes – namely, prohibiting states from establishing new provider taxes or increasing rates of existing taxes and revising the conditions under which states may receive a waiver of the requirement that taxes be broad-based and uniform.¹ Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a proposed rule May 13, 2025, to address CMS concerns about the methodology used to determine if a provider tax is “generally redistributive.” OLTL will monitor developments on the federal budget and CMS proposed rule to determine actual impacts to Pennsylvania’s assessment program.

¹ Source: KFF, “[Health Provisions in the 2025 Federal Budget Reconciliation Bill](#),” May 22, 2025

Additional Resources

3. **Related to Contacting Congress Regarding Medicaid**, the Pennsylvania Health Access network has created a tool that will allow people to easily fill and upload a video about how Medicaid impacts them. Individuals are able to share their own videos and messages with members of Congress by clicking the link [here](https://pahealth.soapboxx.com/question/save_medicaid_video) (https://pahealth.soapboxx.com/question/save_medicaid_video).

4. **Related to Contacting Your Congressional Representative Regarding Medicaid**, to find information to contact a representative associated with your address, please click the link [here](https://www.palegis.us/find-my-legislator) (<https://www.palegis.us/find-my-legislator>).
5. **For more information regarding the Older Americans Act Reauthorization 2024-2025**, please click the link [here](https://usaging.org/oa) (<https://usaging.org/oa>).
6. **For more information regarding the current topics from the National Council on Aging**, please click the link [here](https://www.ncoa.org/article/fy26-budget-proposal-puts-aging-services-at-risk/) (<https://www.ncoa.org/article/fy26-budget-proposal-puts-aging-services-at-risk/>).
7. **For more information regarding Aging on the Line advocacy campaign**, please click link [here](https://caregiving.quorum.us/campaign/AgingOnTheLine/) (<https://caregiving.quorum.us/campaign/AgingOnTheLine/>).