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FOR VIOLENCE INTERVENTION
PART II



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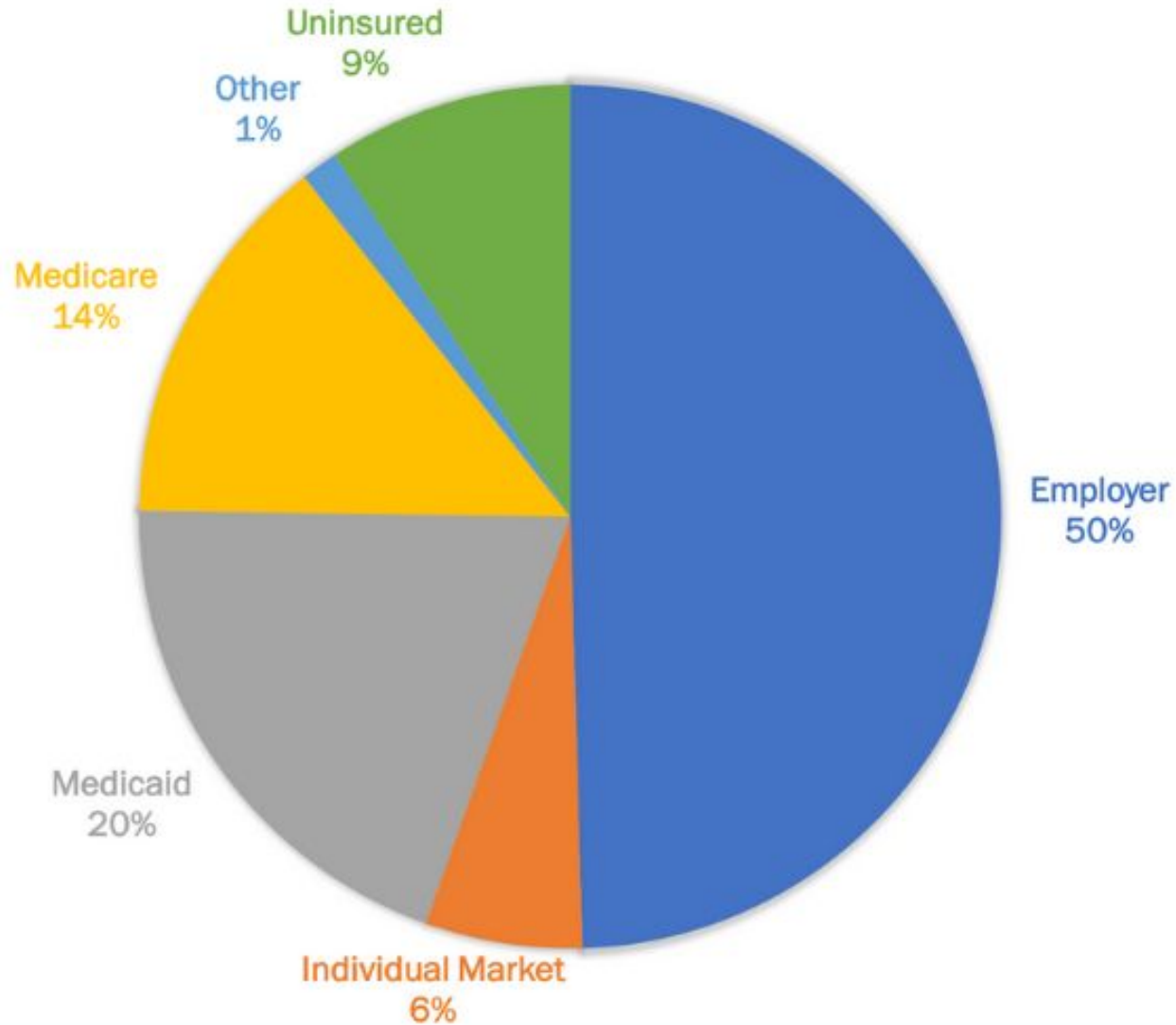
Medicaid Updates

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HEALTH INSURANCE ACROSS THE POPULATION IN THE U.S.





**Annual
Budget:
\$613.5 billion**

Medicaid Program Basics

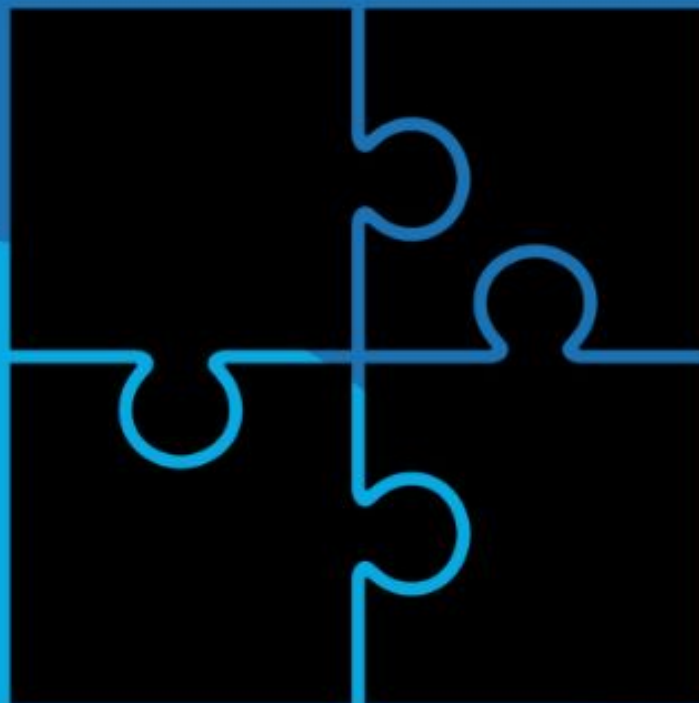
Medicaid Covers

- ▶ DISABLED
- ▶ PREGNANT WOMEN
- ▶ POOR CHILDREN
- ▶ (+/-) CHILDLESS ADULTS (<138% FPL)



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Medicaid Benefits: Comprehensive



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Medicaid is flexible for states



Medicaid is a lifeline for violently injured patients



Nearly 2/3 of violently injured patients are either Medicaid patients or uninsured.



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**Medicaid adds
opportunity to promote
trauma-informed care.**



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What are the benefits for HVIPs?

- ▶ Acknowledge existing value of violence prevention professionals
- ▶ Increase job security of VPPs
Eliminate bureaucratic perception of the position as a “cost center”
- ▶ Diversify HVIP and other violence prevention program funding streams

Highlight from the Biden-Harris Community Violence Intervention Plan



Medicaid Funding: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is organizing a webinar and toolkit to educate states on how they can use Medicaid to reimburse certain community violence intervention programs, like Hospital-Based Violence Interventions



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All-State Medicaid & CHIP Call

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What's next?



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General Assembly

January Session, 2021

Proposed Bill No. 5677

LCO No. 2334



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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:

REP. GILCHREST, 18th Dist.

REP. RITTER M., 1st Dist.

REP. HALL, 7th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID VIOLENCE PREVENTATIVE SERVICES.



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The American Rescue Plan



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The American Rescue Plan

- ▶ The American Rescue Plan (ARP) is a \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill that was signed by President Biden on March 12th, 2021.
- ▶ Previous stimulus acts, like the CARES Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, infused funding into state and local governments and established federal grant programs, which included significant investments in criminal justice agencies and programs.
- ▶ The ARP does not make investments in the criminal justice system and instead uses a public health perspective to infuse funds into state and local governments and human services programming to address the harm caused by the pandemic.
- ▶ The ARP's public health approach creates an unprecedented opportunity to fund programs that will transform our country's response to violence and diminish its harmful overreliance on the criminal justice system.

CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

The American Rescue Plan invests hundreds of billions of dollars in “Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds” that governors, mayors, and county executives can use to fund violence prevention, trauma recovery, reentry, and community development organizations in the following ways:

- ▶ “To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease” (COVID-19)
- ▶ “To respond to negative economic impacts,” including assistance to “nonprofits”
- ▶ “To provide grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work” (Sec. 9901)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS

The American Rescue Plan allocates \$50 million to the Secretary of HHS to make grants to build the capacity and support community-based organizations to address behavioral health needs exacerbated by the pandemic. Eligible purposes include:

- “Promoting care coordination among local entities;
- Training the mental and behavioral health workforce, relevant stakeholders, and community members;
- Expanding evidence-based integrated models of care;
- Addressing surge capacity for mental and behavioral health needs;
- Providing mental and behavioral health services to individuals with mental health needs . . . as delivered by behavioral and mental health professionals utilizing telehealth services; and
- Supporting, enhancing, or expanding mental and behavioral health preventive and crisis intervention services” (Sec 2707)

STATE MEDICAID PLANS

The American Rescue Plan allocates \$15 million in planning grants to help states amend their Medicaid plans or use section 1115, 1915(b), or 1915(c) waiver request to create “community-based mobile crisis intervention services.” Key requirements of this new Medicaid eligible service include the following:

- ▶ Must serve people experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse crisis
- ▶ Services must be available year round 24-hours a day
- ▶ Services must be community-based and outside a hospital, jail, prison facility
- ▶ Services must be delivered through a multidisciplinary team, whose members are trained in trauma-informed care, de-escalation strategies, and harm reduction” and includes “at least 1 behavioral health care professional who is capable of conducting assessments”

What do advocates and community-based organizations need to do to access ARP funds?

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- ▶ **Federal advocacy**
 - **TARGETS:** Executive branch/administering agencies & Congress
 - **TIMING:** Now
 - ▶ **State and local advocacy**
 - **TARGETS:** Governors, mayors, county executives, state & local administrative agencies, legislators
 - **TIMING:** Now
 - ▶ **Implementation**
 - **TARGETS:** Grant-making agencies, grantees/programs, feedback to federal, state, and local decision makers
 - **TIMING:** ARP funds are allocated/granted

Case Study: Illinois Coalition for Shared Safety

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Anti-Violence Groups Band Together To Lobby For A Slice Of \$20M In Federal Funds

The pitch? Don't give all the money to law enforcement when community-based programs are providing essential services during this crisis.

By [Patrick Smith](#)
April 24, 2020, 6 a.m. CT

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Community Groups, Not Police, Will Likely Get \$20M From Criminal Justice Grants

By [Patrick Smith](#)
June 28, 2020, 6:01 a.m. CT

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**To learn more about the
American Rescue Plan, read
Alliance For Safety and
Justice's report**

[The Promise of the American Rescue Plan:
Funding Opportunities to Reduce Violence,
Meet the Needs of Underserved Communities,
and Promote a Vision for Shared Safety](#)

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\$5 Billion for Community Violence Intervention



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What's Next After President Biden's Historic Actions on Gun Violence?

INVEST IN US FUND PEACE

PATHS TO INVESTMENT

EXISTING GOV FUNDS

There are numerous grants and funding sources that can be expanded to include violence reduction strategies or redirected towards grants. We anticipate around \$600 million in existing funds are available.

Key Decision Makers- White House Domestic Policy Council and Agency Leadership

\$10+ BILLION



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

In the \$1.9 Trillion package signed into law focused on COVID relief, there are numerous funding sources state by state that can help fund these solutions as part of the relief strategies.

- State Based Funding
- County Based Funding
- City Based Funding

Key Decision Maker(s): Governors and Mayors

\$1.9 TRILLION



FUNDING EARMARKS

Members of Congress are accepting earmark applications to fund community projects directly in their district through Federal funding. Many champions and urban based Members should prioritize our solutions as one of their 10 earmarks they can submit to Congressional leadership...but applications deadlines are soon.

Key Decision Maker(s): Congressional Members

\$17+ MILLION



APPROPRIATIONS

Through Appropriations there around \$210 million that can be directed towards gun violence prevention strategies and solutions. We need to push on leaders in Congress to prioritize these funding adjustments to address the tide of violence.

Key Decision Maker(s): House & Senate Appropriations Committee Congressional Leaders

\$210 MILLION

AMERICAN JOBS PLAN

President Biden submitted \$5 Billion in funding as part of his 3 Trillion American Jobs Plan. This is the largest jobs plan in American History and will undoubtedly have to navigate a great deal of cuts and adjustments. We need to PROTECT the funds as they work through the House and Senate as a priority investment.

Key Decision Maker(s): House & Senate Congressional Leaders

\$5 BILLION

NEW LEGISLATION

We are pushing for a new bill that would look like the Break the Cycle Act and would work to advance \$5.3 Billion in new authorizations. This could be a stand alone or baked into other relief packages.

Key Decision Maker(s): House and Senate Congressional leaders/Members

\$5 BILLION

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CRITICAL UPCOMING BATTLES

**Passage of Biden's
FY2022 Budget**

**Passage of the
Break The Cycle
of Violence Act**

**Passage of
American
Jobs Plan**



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ADVOCACY TACTICS

Direct & Grassroots
Advocacy

Press Events, Calls
or Op-Eds

Petitions or Letter
Writing Campaigns



HOW TO GET INVOLVED



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BIDEN**



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CONGRESS
TAKE ACTION**



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