Context for ARPA HCBS (Home & Community-Based Services)

**Statute**

- Section 9817 of ARPA provides qualifying states with a **temporary 10 percentage point increase** to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for certain Medicaid expenditures for HCBS beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022.
- Funds must expand, improve or strengthen HCBS.
- CMS recently approved a one-year extension to ARPA. Money must now be invested by March 31, 2025.

**Overview of CT's Plan**

- Connecticut's spending plan was submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) July 2021 & approved December 2021.
- The Department of Social Services has two operational partners in the implementation of ARPA: Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- Connecticut's ARPA HCBS federal reinvestment amount is approximately $207.7M. Total investment in HCBS is estimated at $447.1M, including the required state contribution.
Key achievements to date...and next steps

### Key achievements to date

- ✓ All service expansions approved by CMS
- ✓ DSS paid providers stabilization payments - $40.4M
- ✓ DSS paid provider rate increases - $19.7M
- ✓ DSS paid value-based payments –
  - ✓ 200 providers engaged in racial health equity training and data sharing agreements
- ✓ DDS paid provider payments –
  - ✓ Workforce – $13M
  - ✓ Infrastructure - $9M
  - ✓ Stabilization – $10.7M

### Next steps – short term

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