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Dear Provider:

Governor Wolf signed Act 54 of 2022, which appropriates \$250 million from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to long-term care providers. You are receiving this letter due to qualifying for a payment under Act 54 of 2022.

To see the amount you have qualified to receive, please visit the Department of Human Services (DHS) website at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Long-Term-Care-Providers.aspx>. Payment amounts are posted by provider type.

Home health and home care agencies, adult daily living services providers, and residential habilitation providers enrolled in the Medical Assistance program and Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) providers that have an agreement with DHS do not need to submit requests for the funding. All currently enrolled home and community-based services (HCBS) and LIFE providers will receive the Act 54 ARPA funding, provided they meet the criteria in the act.

The Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) is preparing the distribution of the Act 54 funds to HCBS and LIFE providers as one-time gross adjustments. Providers should expect to see the payment appear as a gross adjustment transaction/lump sum payment on a PROMISe remittance advice with payment issuance occurring nine days after the transaction appears on their remittance. OLTL's intention is to distribute the payments in **early Fall 2022**.

Act 54 established funding from ARPA to be used for COVID-19 relief for costs not otherwise reimbursed by federal, state or other sources of funding. To qualify for the one-time payment, the facility must be in operation as of July 1, 2022.

### **Personal Assistance Services**

A total of \$59.957 million in ARPA funds were provided by Act 54 to home health and home care providers of personal assistance services. Individual funding amounts for providers are determined based on claims and encounters for services provided in the third quarter of 2021. A total of \$59.957 million will be distributed to home health and home care providers.

### **Adult Daily Living**

Adult daily living providers will receive \$6.959 million, distributed proportionally based on claims and encounters paid in the third quarter of calendar year 2021.

### **Residential Habilitation**

Residential habilitation providers will receive \$535,000, distributed proportionally based on claims and encounters paid in the third quarter of calendar year 2021.

## **LIFE Providers**

Act 54 allocated \$5.353 million in ARPA funds to LIFE providers, which will be distributed proportionally based on the LIFE provider's total amount reimbursed for long-term care managed care for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of calendar year 2021.

## **Important Reminders about ARPA Funding**

Failure to comply with the terms of the ARPA payment and the DHS requirements may result in the recovery of funding through collection activities, audits or legal action.

Providers will be required to report to DHS on the use of Act 54 of 2022 ARPA funding. Details of the reporting requirements, including the timing, format, and mechanism by which to send reports, will be available in coming months. However, providers should expect reporting requirements similar to those in place for previous COVID-19-related (CARES Act and ARPA) funding distributions.

## **Declining or Returning ARPA Funding**

If you choose to decline the funding for which your facility qualifies under the terms of Act 54 of 2022, you may do so by contacting the DHS Office of Long-Term Living, Bureau of Finance at [covidpayments@pa.gov](mailto:covidpayments@pa.gov). Please indicate in your message the name of your facility, the amount for which you qualified, you do not wish to accept the funding and your contact information.

If you receive a payment and wish to return it, or to return any portion of the payment that will not be used for eligible COVID-19-related costs, you may do so by sending a check payable to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services to:

Department of Human Services  
Office of Long-Term Living  
P.O. Box 8025  
Harrisburg PA 17105-8025  
ATTN: Bureau of Finance ARPA Return

You must include your federal tax identification number on the memo line of your check to ensure funds are credited to the correct entity.

DHS appreciates the efforts and sacrifices made by long-term care providers and your direct care workers during the COVID-19 public health emergency. We hope this ARPA funding provides an additional resource to support the care you offer for your fellow Pennsylvanians in greatest need.