

COVID-19 Alternative Payment Arrangement (APA) Increase

Service providers who are currently funded through the COVID-19 APA will receive a 5% increase applied to the July, August, and September payments.¹ Providers are expected to use these funds to support staffing activities including, but not limited to, incentive and retention payments, sign-on bonuses, staffing-related advertising, training, wellness activities, etc. CBH reserves the right to request proof of usage of these funds upon request.

As a reminder, the COVID-19 APA will end on October 1, 2021 and providers currently funded by the COVID-19 APA will shift back to fee-for-service/claims-based funding.²

Per [Bulletin 21-06](#), the remaining COVID-19 APA payments will be distributed on the following dates:

Service Month	COVID-19 APA Payment Date
July 2021	August 4, 2021
August 2021	September 8, 2021
September 2021	October 13, 2021

If you have any additional questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative.

¹ This includes Intensive Behavioral health Service (IBHS) providers.

² With the exception of IBHS providers, in which case the APA will continue through August 2022.