

COVID-19 Alternative Payment Arrangement (APA) Increase

Service providers who are currently funded through the COVID-19 APA will receive a 2% increase retroactive to January 1, 2021. 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 **January 1, 2022**, and providers currently funded by the COVID-19 APA will shift back to fee-for-service/claims-based funding with Bridge Payments as described in [Provider Bulletin 21-20](#).