

Funds Awarded Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

AREA	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	PROVISIONS	NJ SHARE
Medicaid	Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP)	FMAP is the federal match for dollars spent on the Medicaid program.	<p>Increases Medicaid match from 50 to 56%.</p> <p>FMAP increases cover the period October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010.</p> <p>Contains provisions for match when there is a significant increase in unemployment rate.</p> <p>Prevents FMAP decrease if state per capita income increases.</p> <p>FMAP increase is to cover the anticipated expanding case loads.</p> <p>FMAP will not increase the number of Medicaid providers.</p> <p>FMAP will not increase the amount paid to Medicaid providers.</p> <p>FMAP increase applies to Medicaid, Foster Care, and Adoption Assistance.</p> <p>FMAP does not apply to TANF, child welfare, child support enforcement, SCHIP, Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments of items/services subject to enhanced match.</p>	\$2.2 billion
Medicaid	Temporary Medical Assistance Program (TMA)	TMA provides coverage for certain families who lose Medicaid eligibility due to increased child or spousal support collections or due to an increase in earned income or hours of employment.	NJ offers a 24 month Medicaid extension for families who leave TANF for employment. Without this provision, in June 2009 families would have received only 12 months of Medicaid extension.	There are no additional state savings attributable to this provision.
Medicaid	Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments (DSH)	DSH payments are made by a state's Medicaid program to hospitals serving a disproportionate share of low-income or uninsured patients. DSH payments are in addition to regular payments received for providing inpatient care to Medicaid beneficiaries. DSH payments are capped annually.	A 2.5% increase in the ARRA	Generates approximately \$8 million to the General Fund
Medicaid	Medicaid Regulation Moratorium	Extends moratoria for three of the original six Medicaid regulations: provider tax, targeted case management, and school based transportation services through July 1, 2009.	The ARRA also includes a "Sense of Congress" that the HHS Secretary should not issue final regulations for pending rules on cost limits on public providers, graduate medical education, and rehabilitative service.	The state Graduate Medical Education program expenditures are not at risk under this provision.

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Health Care	Community Health Center Grants	Funding provided to Federally Qualified Health Centers to provide health care to low-income, medically underserved residents	<p>\$1.3 million over two years to Lakewood Resource and Referral Center, Inc, Lakewood, Ocean County</p> <p>\$1.3 million over two years to Monmouth Family Health Center, Long Branch, Monmouth County.</p>	\$2.6 million
Health Information Technology		Establishes a national Health Information Technology framework for states, hospitals, doctors, and clinics to invest in health information technology infrastructure	<p>The New Jersey Health Information Technology Commission and the Office of Health Information Technology will work together to devise a statewide plan.</p> <p>Appropriation will be administered through grants, loans, and technical assistance programs.</p>	The NJ share is unknown at this time. The total federal appropriation is \$19 billion.
Food and Nutrition	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly the Food Stamp Program - Benefit Amounts	The ARRA increases the benefit amount by 13.6% beginning April 1, 2009. The current maximum benefit for a household of 3 is \$463 a month. Under ARRA the maximum benefit amount will be \$526 per month, an increase of \$63.	This provision does not change recipient eligibility criteria and, due to the provision, will not increase the number eligible to participate.	This is a direct consumer benefit, NJ will not realize any savings through this provision. Note: Research indicates that for every dollar spent in the food stamp program, \$1.73 is generated throughout the economy.
Food and Nutrition	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly the Food Stamp Program - Administrative Funding	The ARRA provides supplemental administrative funding for SNAP.	This provision provides an increase in administrative funding to offset the cost to states for implementation of the increased benefit as well as increased cost for administering the program during this period of rapid growth. County Welfare Agencies and Boards of Social Services in all 21 counties are responsible for administering this program. Counties are facing significant financial distress due to the rapid increase in caseloads.	\$4.4 million will be received over two years. Funds will be allocated to all 21 counties for the increased cost of administering the program in light of unprecedented caseload increases.
Cash Assistance	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	The ARRA creates a TANF Emergency Contingency Fund to assist states with increased caseloads and expenditures.	This provision allows states to access funds when their TANF caseload for a particular quarter exceeds that same quarter in FFY 2007 or 2008. Specific regulations on accessing the fund are not yet available from USDHHS.	A 20% state match is required on any drawdown from the new TANF Emergency fund, an estimated \$50 million in state money would be required to drawdown the \$202 million maximum available amount.

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Child Care	Child Care Assistance	The ARRA provides funding to states for the provision of child care under Child Care Development Block Grant Funds.	Stimulus funding under this provision is directed to those families who need child care assistance and whose incomes fall below 200% of the Federal Poverty Index (\$35,200 annually for a family of three). Families must work full time, attend school full time, or a combination of part time work and part time education to qualify. Provisions of the act require set asides for ensuring quality and for infant/toddler care. In addition, funding can only be used for rising caseloads or new initiatives. The Department is awaiting further clarification from the USDHHS.	\$34.1 million Note: new child care funds cannot supplant existing spending on child care.
Child Support	Child Support Incentives	The ARRA suspends a prohibition from the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005 which prohibited the use of child support incentive funds to earn available federal match.	Under this provision, for every child support incentive dollar spent, states will earn \$2 in federal match. New Jersey is awaiting guidance from USDHHS on how monies available under this provision may be used.	\$66.4 million Note: New federal child support funds cannot supplant existing spending on child support.
Services for the Blind	Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI)	The ARRA provides funding for services for older individuals who are blind.	The allocation funds independent living services for older individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Emphasis will be placed on outreach and service to minority populations and those in medically underserved, low income, inner city, or isolated areas.	\$1.02 million. Funds are restricted for use under Titles I, VI, and VII of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act.
Vocational Rehabilitation	CBVI and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	The ARRA provides funding for a comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities.	The purpose of this grant is to assist states in operating a comprehensive, coordinated, effective, efficient, and accountable program of vocational rehabilitation that is designed to assess, plan, develop, and provide vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities, consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, and capabilities, so that such individuals may prepare for and engage in gainful employment.	CBVI's share will be \$1.9 million. Funds are restricted for use under Titles I, VI, and VII of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act
Vocational Rehabilitation	CBVI and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	The ARRA provides funding for Independent Living Centers.	The purpose of this grant is to implement a philosophy of independent living, consumer control, peer support, self-help, self determination, equal access, and individual and systems advocacy, to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of America society.	CBVI's share will be \$77,137. Funds are restricted for use under Titles I, VI, and VII of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act