



President Biden Signs American Rescue Plan Act

On March 11, the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 global pandemic declaration, President Biden signed into law the \$1.9 trillion [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#), providing further relief to Americans facing the economic and health impacts of the pandemic. The American Rescue Plan provides direct payments of \$1,400 to individuals making up to \$75,000, \$350 billion in aid to state and local governments, \$210 billion to K-12 schools, colleges, and childcare providers to assist with safely reopening, and nearly \$70 billion for COVID-19 vaccine and mitigation efforts. The measure also grants an additional \$300 billion in weekly jobless benefits through September, an expanded tax credit of up to \$3,600 per child, \$50 billion to small businesses, and \$29 billion to small and mid-sized restaurants. Finally, the bill expands the Affordable Care Act through broader subsidy eligibility for all incomes and incentivizes states to expand Medicaid.

[Learn more](#) about the American Rescue Plan Act.



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Eye On Washington

In Case You Missed It

On March 4, AMCP presented a webinar identifying our 2021 federal and state legislative and regulatory priority issues and strategies to address them with the 117th Congress and Biden administration. A recording of the webinar and the slide presentation is [available online](#) to all AMCP members.

Become a State Advocacy Leader

AMCP unveiled the State Advocacy Leader program in February, a revitalized grassroots advocacy initiative which seeks to leverage the relationships and expertise of our members to promote managed care pharmacy in their states. State Advocacy Leaders play a vital role in AMCP's state advocacy by building a grassroots network, coordinating with AMCP staff on advocacy efforts, educating AMCP members on our policy positions, and cultivating lasting relationships with policymakers.

[Apply today!](#)

Students' Role in Grassroots Advocacy

Advocacy Tip

Stay up-to-date: Read AMCP's [Letters, Statements and Analysis](#) on all legislation and regulation impacting managed care pharmacy.

Please join us for a discussion of AMCP's 2021 policy priorities, the value of grassroots advocacy, and the unique power of students in advocacy. This session will begin with a breakdown of state and federal priorities before moving onto advocacy. Attendees will learn best practices for in-person and virtual advocacy and how to leverage the influential role of students in advocacy efforts. The webinar will be held tomorrow, March 18, at 7pm ET.

[Register today!](#)

AMCP Signs Medicaid Stakeholder Letter to Congressional Leaders

On Feb. 18, AMCP [joined](#) the Modern Medicaid Alliance (MMA) in urging Congress to strengthen the Medicaid program in the next COVID-19 response bill by increasing the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate by at least 12 percentage points. From February to September 2020, Medicaid and CHIP enrollment has increased by more than 6 million people, or 8.6% nationwide. Without increased funding for Medicaid, many beneficiaries could be denied access to the essential care they need and deserve. The MMA's request is in line with the position of the bipartisan National Governors' Association.

[Read](#) the Medicaid stakeholder letter.



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