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MEMORANDUM FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS

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SUBJECT: 9817 ARPA Maintenance of Effort Lifted

This memorandum is to inform Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) staff and stakeholders that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provided Missouri with [formal close out notification](#) of the 9817 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds spending plan and documents on August 5, 2024.

This notification means that the state is no longer under the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement as referenced in [INFO 07-24-01](#). With this, DSDS will proceed with sunsetting the standard LOC eligibility criteria on October 1, 2024 as outlined in the state [regulation amendment](#) and approved by CMS in the 1915c waiver amendments. At that time, only the transformed criteria will be used for HCBS eligibility determination.

Following the retiring of the standard algorithm, each participant will receive a face-to-face assessment at their normal reassessment time. Any assessment submitted in Web Tool after September 30, 2024, will be calculated using only the transformed algorithm. Please submit any assessment completed in September prior to September 30th to ensure accurate calculation using both the standard and transformed criteria.

It is important providers understand this and can communicate to participants the changes that are occurring especially those participating as Type 27 Provider Reassessors. As a reminder there is an upcoming Level of Care Training identified in [INFO 07-24-03](#) on September 20, 2024 that will assist in further understanding. Provider reassessors are especially encouraged to join.

Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Bureau of Long-Term Services and Supports (BLTSS) via e-mail at LTSS@health.mo.gov.

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