

# UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

We are sharing good news from the state, that the temporary 10% rate increase for GAFC is extended through June 2022. The rate increase was originally for July- December 2021. We will continue to advocate for extensions of the temporary rate increase and for a permanent rate increase. We will keep you updated on this and will send information on PACE and SCO as well when it becomes available. For more details about the policy and related requirements for how the increased payments may be used, see the prior announcement we shared in August, [here](#). Here is the GAFC announcement issued today:

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Dear GAFC providers,

**Extension of Group Adult Foster Care Rate Increases Issued through 101 CMR 447.00: Rates for Certain Home- and Community-based Services Related to Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act**

Effective January 1, 2022, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has extended 101 CMR 447.00: *Rates for Certain Home- and Community-based Services Related to Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act* which was previously effective July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

**Through this extension EOHHS will continue the 10% rate add-on for group adult foster care services beginning January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.**

A Group Adult Foster Care bulletin will be published the first week of January. Along with this bulletin, providers are encouraged to continue to frequent the [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) website: **Strengthening Home and Community Based Services and Behavioral Health Services Using American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding** updates and information, as this website is updated with new information.

Please feel free to share this communication with your GAFC colleagues and networks.

Happy Holidays,

Allison

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*If you have any questions, please contact us at [Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org](mailto:Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org)*

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