



Comparison of versions of the American Rescue Plan Act

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***Please note that this is a non-exhaustive comparison of the [final version](#) of the American Rescue Plan Act that was passed by Congress on March 10 and the [original version](#) that the House passed on February 27. We will continue updating this fact sheet as we review the legislation.

For more on what’s in the American Rescue Plan Act, check out our fact sheet [here](#). You can find more on the version the House passed [here](#).

Is it in the bill?	Original ARPA	Final ARPA
General funding for states’ Medicaid programs	X	X
Dedicated additional funding for Medicaid home and community based services (HCBS)*	✓	✓
Dedicated Medicaid funding for mobile crisis intervention services	✓	✓
Funding to encourage states that have not expanded Medicaid to do so	✓	✓
Medicaid coverage of COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and treatment	✓	✓
Expansion of income-based subsidies to purchase qualifying health insurance through Affordable Care Act marketplaces	✓	✓
Increase of the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2025	✓	X
Phase out of the subminimum wage	✓	X
Emergency rental assistance	✓	✓
Aid to help homeowners avoid foreclosure	✓	✓
Emergency paid sick and family and medical leave*	X	X
Credits to employers who choose to provide paid leave	✓	✓
Hazard pay for direct care workers	X	X
Funding for infection control in nursing facilities, including funding for strike teams	✓	✓
Increased funding for Social Security and SSI	X	X
Nutrition assistance	✓	✓
Education funding	✓	✓
Dedicated funding for IDEA	X	✓
Supplemental unemployment compensation*	✓	✓

Additional “recovery rebate” payments	✓	✓
Provision of “recovery rebates” to all dependents*	✓	✓
Expansion of 90-day refills of prescriptions and medical supplies beyond Medicare and to people who rely on controlled substances	X	X
Disaster relief that is responsive to the needs of the disability community	X	X
Substance use prevention and treatment funding	✓	✓
Suicide prevention funding	✓	✓
Community mental health services funding	✓	✓
State and local aid for COVID-19 response	✓	✓

Important notes:

- HCBS Funding:** Both versions of the American Rescue Plan Act provided dedicated funding for home and community-based services. However, the final bill passed by Congress included a 10% increase in Federal funding, while the original version had increased the funding by 7.35%.
- Paid Leave:** Neither version of the American Rescue Plan Act provided inclusive emergency paid sick and family and medical. Instead, the ARPA provides tax credits to employers who voluntarily provide leave.
- Unemployment:** Both versions of the American Rescue Plan Act extended the supplemental unemployment insurance that was set to expire on March 14. The original version passed by the House would have provided an additional \$400 per week until August 29, while the final version Congress ultimately passed provides \$300 per week until September 6.
- Recovery Rebates:** The American Rescue Plan Act provides \$1400 in “recovery rebate” payments. Unlike prior coronavirus relief legislation, disabled adults who qualify as dependents are eligible to receive these payments. However, they will not be retroactively eligible for the payments provided under previous coronavirus relief bills.