

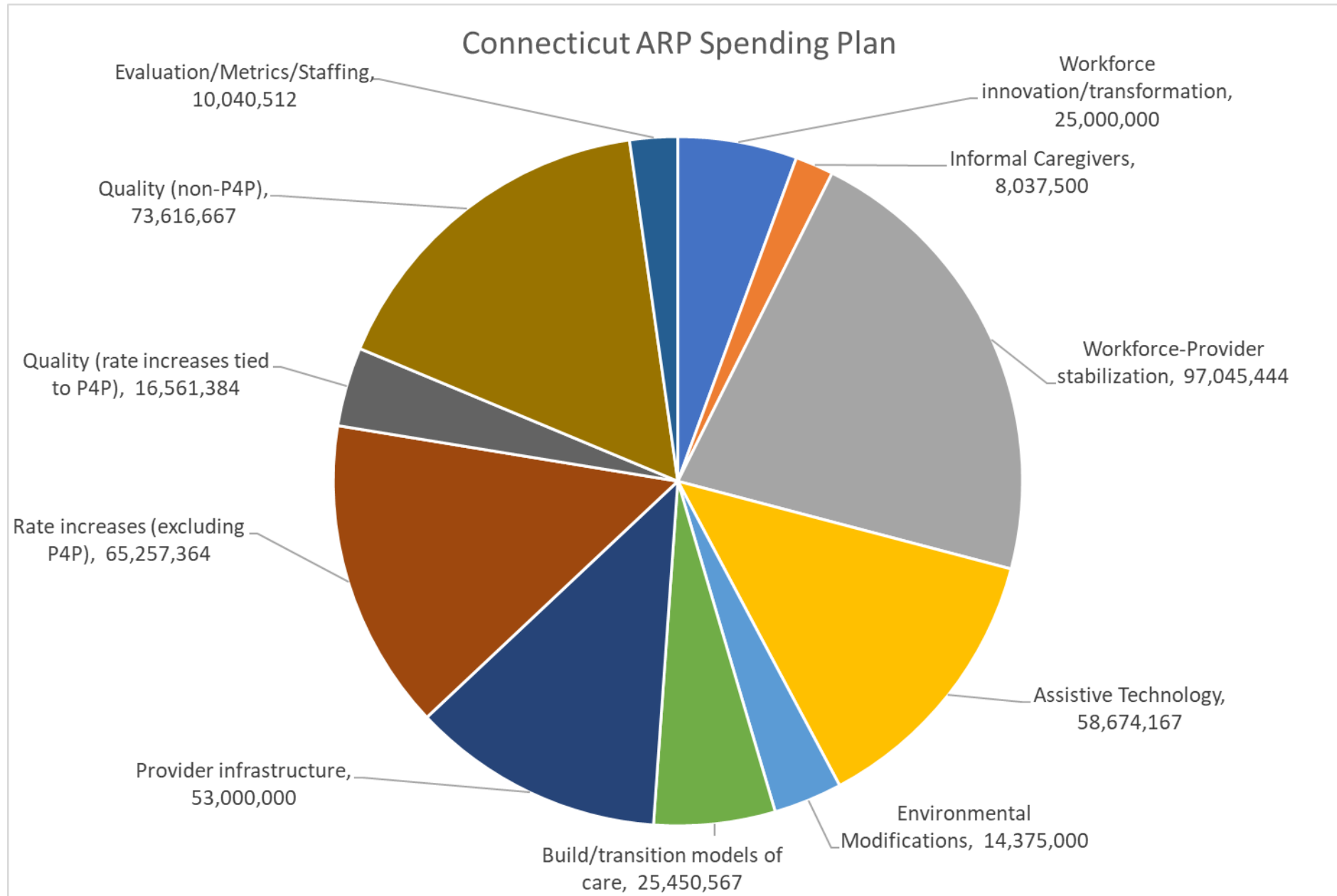
Context for ARPA HCBS (Home & Community-Based Services)

Statute

- On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) (Pub. L. 117-2)
- Section 9817 of ARPA provides qualifying states with a **temporary 10 percentage point increase** to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for certain Medicaid expenditures for HCBS beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022
- Funds must expand, improve or strengthen HCBS
- CMS recently approved a one-year extension to ARPA. Money must now be invested by March 31, 2025

Overview of CT's Plan

- Connecticut's spending plan was submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) July 2021 & approved December 2021
- The Department of Social Services has two operational partners in the implementation of ARPA: Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Connecticut's ARPA HCBS federal reinvestment amount is approximately \$207.7M. Total investment in HCBS is estimated at \$447.1M, including the required state contribution



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- ✓ All service expansions approved by CMS
- ✓ DSS paid providers stabilization payments - \$40.4M
- ✓ DSS paid provider rate increases - \$19.7M
- ✓ DSS paid value-based payments –
 - ✓ 200 providers engaged in racial health equity training and data sharing agreements
- ✓ DDS paid provider payments –
 - ✓ Workforce – \$13M
 - ✓ Infrastructure - \$9M
 - ✓ Stabilization – \$10.7M

Next steps – short term

Timeframe	Step
July 2022	Establish ongoing metrics for value- based payments – submit waiver amendments
	Release RFP for smart home development
	Finalize/submit new 24-hour community back up model
August 2022	Launch new services including new Supports at Home Option
February 2023	Launch expanded Universal Assessment