



# 2020 HCBS Conference: Public Policy Update

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# Areas of Focus

- Reopening the aging & disability networks
- Social isolation
- Spending down COVID relief funds
- SPR Redesign
- Winding down COVID-related flexibilities both under OAA and Medicaid

# Election Outcomes

- Presidential Transition, assuming lawsuits remain unsuccessful:
  - Recommendations for transition team's Medicaid/ACL leadership search
- Senate control uncertain, but control of Congress likely to remain split:
  - Unlikely to see major legislative packages – focus will be on Executive actions (ie: executive orders, regulations, subregulatory policy)
  - Expect additional COVID relief bill, but size unknown due to challenges in negotiations
  - Continuing resolution or FY2021 appropriations?

# Current Issues: Aging, Disability, LTSS

- Medicaid HCBS:
  - Health and Welfare
  - Quality Measurement
  - HCBS Settings
- Aging:
  - Social Isolation
  - Ongoing funding for COVID-related service increases (some states report FFCRA/CARES funding running out)
  - APS
- Both:
  - Unwinding COVID flexibilities that will expire
  - Determining which flexibilities can/should remain in place

# ADvancing States Legislative Priorities

- Further relief for providers:
  - Retainer payments – additional periods and additional providers
- Continued LTSS Program relief:
  - Further FMAP increase
  - Additional OAA funds
  - Funding for APS
  - Delay of EVV penalty

# Questions?

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