

# **OPWDD American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Workforce Stabilization Initiatives**

Overview of Corrective Actions & Timetables – Survey Payments

# ARPA Workforce Stabilization Initiatives – Background

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- OPWDD offered four ARPA-funded payments for direct care staff (Title Code 200 from the CFR) in the non-profit sector:

Survey-Based	CFR-Based
COVID-19 Service	Longevity
Vaccination Incentive	Retention

- An agency's ability to participate was contingent upon the completion and return of a signed attestation by January 9, 2022

# Today, the focus is on...

Survey-Based COVID-19 Service  
and Vaccination Incentive Payments

## Survey-Based ARPA Payments...New Survey Process

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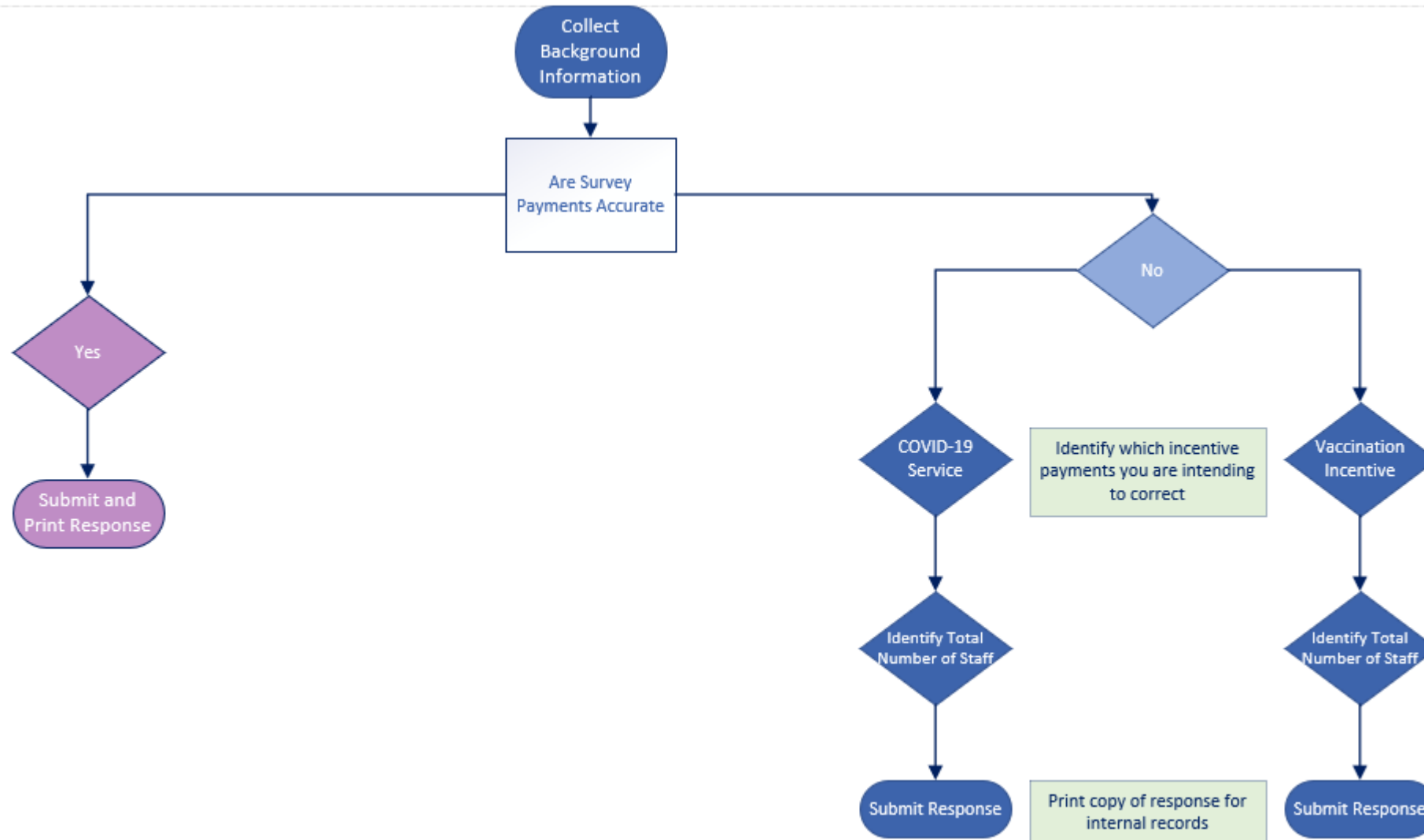
- Singular opportunity to confirm or correct survey-based payments via streamlined survey process
- Applies only to **COVID-19 Service** and **Vaccination** Incentives
- New survey link will be **released** today, **February 6, 2023**
- To be eligible to participate, providers must have:
  - Submitted the original attestation by its original due date (January 9, 2022)
  - Completed a survey for one or both incentives within original timeframes
- New survey must be **submitted** by **February 17, 2023** and staff counts must still adhere to initial eligibility criteria

## Survey-Based ARPA Payments...New Survey Process (cont'd)

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- Prior to completing the survey, providers should **review** their **rate sheets** to identify the number of staff reported in each category for whom the current payments were calculated
- OPWDD does **not** have any record from any agency that would otherwise identify the names of staff reported as eligible for either of the survey-based payments
- Providers are strongly encouraged to **print** the **summary screen** that will be automatically generated once they “submit” the new survey responses

# Survey-Based ARPA Payments...New Survey Logic



# Survey-Based ARPA Payments...New Survey Walkthrough

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- [Survey Instrument](#)

## Survey-Based ARPA Payments...New Survey Next Steps

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- OPWDD will release the new survey for COVID-19 Service and Vaccination Incentive Payments on **February 6, 2023**
- New survey must be **submitted** by **February 17, 2023** and staff counts must still adhere to initial eligibility criteria
- Once the window closes, OPWDD will recalculate new payment amounts
- Revised payments will be made through a combination of lump sum Medicaid payments (positive or negative) and through the FIDA plan (if the provider had FIDA enrollments on 12/01/21 and/or 01/01/22 – check your rate sheets)



# Questions?

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