

## **Summary of Senate Changes to the Hazard Pay Bill**

- Administration shifted to AHS at the request of the executive branch
- Language allowing AHS to contract as necessary to implement the program was added,
- Flexibility added for eligible period for independent direct support providers because of complications with the ARIS system
- Added language providing that to the extent permitted by federal law hazard pay would not be deemed income for purposes of federal benefits programs
- Added language allowing employers to deduct any applicable payroll taxes from the grant amount
- Reversion of funds to CRF moved from Oct 15 to December 20 (same as other CRF funded programs), and reporting deadlines adjusted accordingly