

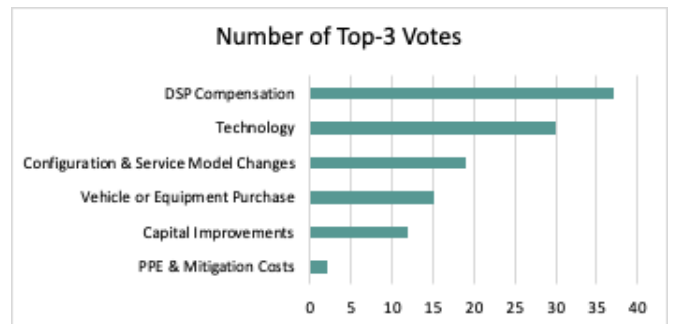
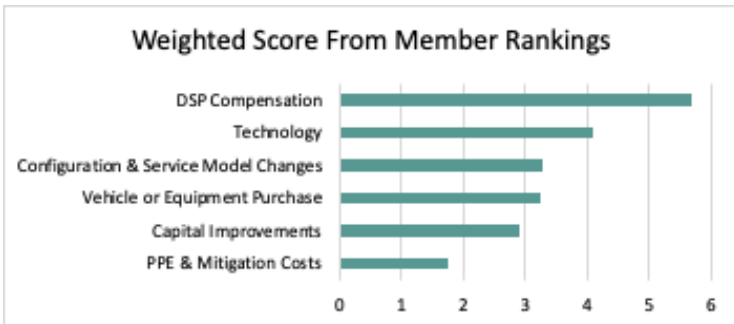
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SPENDING PROPOSAL

TPA Survey Results

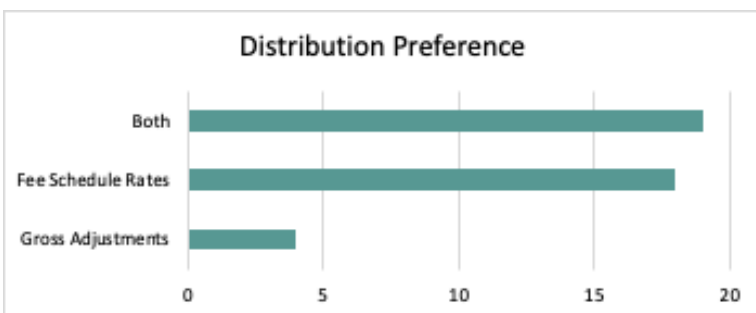
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As we prepared our comments for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania American Rescue Plan proposed spending package, it was important for us to survey members on priorities to ensure a unified message to represent our membership effectively. We opened our survey on June 28 and asked our members to respond to (3) simple questions. Our goal was to establish a priority as we prepare our response. We're pleased to report that 41 surveys were completed in just 48 short hours. Below is a summary of the results.

Q1: Please select in order of priority funding needs for your organization.	Weighted Score	Top-3 Votes
DSP Compensation/Recruitment of Additional Staff	5.67	37
Technology Implementation, Infrastructure, and Ongoing Maintenance & Support	4.08	30
Configuration & Service Model Changes	3.26	19
Vehicle or Equipment Purchase	3.24	15
Capital Improvements	2.89	12
PPE & Mitigation Costs	1.74	2



Q2: What is your preference for the distribution of funding?	Responses	Percentage
Both Gross Adjustments and Fee Schedule Rates	19	46.34%
Increased Fee Schedule Rates	18	43.90%
One or More Gross Adjustments or Lump Sum Payments	4	9.76%



Recommendations

- Increasing fee schedule rates to support a living wage for DSP's (\$18.20 per hour)
- Funding sign-on and retention bonuses to reduce vacancies.
- Incentivizing the use of technology and funding for ongoing costs.
- Offering student loan forgiveness for ID/A DSPs.