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High Technology Nursing Program Payment Model

Policy Summary:

Vermont Medicaid is adding three additional value-based payment measures for the High Technology Nursing Program delivered by home health agencies.

The value-based performance measures include:

1. Percentage of authorized hours provided by the home health agency across all beneficiaries for the entire year. The target is an increase in authorized hours provided with a minimum threshold for payment of 60% of authorized hours delivered across all beneficiaries for the year.
2. Percent improvement in authorized hours provided. The target is an increase from prior year to performance year with a minimum threshold of 10% improvement from prior year to performance year.
3. New referral acceptance. The target is 100% of referrals accepted.

The High Technology Nursing program is an intensive home care program for eligible Medicaid beneficiaries who are dependent upon medical technology or whose condition requires regular individual and continuous care by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

The existing model includes a measure focused on percentage of authorized hours provided to each recipient each month; an increase in authorized hours provided per month is the target. Currently a higher FFS rate is paid when the home health agency delivers at least 50% or more of authorized hours to the recipient.

This value-based payment is supported by the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) enhanced funding for certain Medicaid expenditures that was offered to states under Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. See the [Agency of Human Services HCBS Enhanced Funding website](#) for information on these activities which enhance, expand, and strengthen HCBS in the Medicaid program.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#)

Medicaid State Plan

Global Commitment to Health Waiver: Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #6.8.

Population Affected:

Medicaid beneficiaries in the Adult and Pediatric High Technology Nursing Program

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$8,411.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended December 2, 2022. The [comment received](#) and the [state response to comment](#) can be viewed at these links.