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# Global Commitment Register

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## **Ambulance Fee Schedule Rate Update**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program updated the rate methodology for ambulance services. Effective 7/1/2023, rates for ambulance transportation are paid at 100% of Medicare's 2023 urban base ambulance rates. When no Medicare rate is available, rates for ambulance services are established by analyzing payment and utilization data or rates for similar codes. For the ambulance treatment without transport service, which is not covered by Medicare, the rate is paid at 40% of the 2023 Medicare rate for Basic Life Support (BLS), non-emergency transport.

This rate change is part of the State Fiscal Year 2024 budget appropriation from the Vermont State Legislature.

Licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT, and Paramedic provider types will be added to the Medicaid State Plan. This change will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services as State Plan Amendment (SPA) # 23-0037. These provider types will also be updated in the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) for the New Adult Group through SPA 23-0041. The ABP replicates the full Medicaid State Plan and includes the 10 essential health benefits required under the Affordable Care Act, as well as the full range of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services for individuals under the age of 21.

### **Effective Date:**

July 1, 2023

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

State Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act ([H.494 of 2023](#))

This change is being done through Global Commitment to Health waiver authority, where DVHA may establish rates with providers on an individual or class basis without regard to the rates currently set forth in the approved 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:**

All Medicaid

**Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$3,119,640.

**Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period ended July 31, 2023. No comments were received.

Send comments to:

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**Additional Information:**

The following State Plan page was amended:

- Attachment 4.19-B page 7

The draft SPA pages provide additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft SPA can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on the [Agency of Human Services website](#).