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Global Commitment Register

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Northeastern Family Institute Case Rate Update

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to adjust the value-based performance (VBP) approach for the Northeastern Family Institute (NFI) bundled case rate. The NFI value-based payment model will change from a withhold of 5% to a withhold of 2%. This change brings the VBP amount in alignment with other Vermont value-based payment models. Additionally, a State-defined performance measure on accepting referrals was replaced with a National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) measure on follow-up after hospitalization. This was done to align with more national measure sets and with other payment models in the State. The Payment Arrangement Provider Performance Measures table is available below.

NFI is the only statewide Specialized Service Agency in Vermont for children and youth with severe emotional disturbance and their families. NFI provides intensive wraparound services in multiple regions of the state in home, therapeutic foster home, staffed transitional living, and community settings with a strong clinical approach to address complex trauma and attachment issues.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2025

Authority/Legal Basis:

[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:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

This change is expected to be budget neutral. The value-based payment amount is \$105,421

Public Comment Period:

December 31, 2024 – January 31, 2025

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Additional Information:

A Payment Arrangement Provider Performance Measures table can be found on the following page.

Payment Arrangement Provider Performance Measures

	Measure Name and NQF # (if applicable)	Measure Steward/Developer	Baseline Year	Baseline Statistic	Performance Measurement Period	Performance Target
a.	Number of Medicaid enrolled children/youth served by NFI	State-defined	SFY 2023	No percentage; 90 children/adolescents served	07/01/2024-06/30/2025	No percentage; 100 children/adolescents served
b.	Percentage of Medicaid enrolled children/youth receiving a Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment in the last six months	State-defined	SFY 2023	98.0%	01/01/2025-12/31/2025	95.0%
c.	Percentage of Medicaid-enrolled children/youth where NFI staff had contact with primary caregiver for two or more hours (aggregated) per month	State-defined	SFY 2023	73.0%	01/01/2025-12/31/2025	75.0%
d.	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness, ages 6-17 years old, 7-day follow up post hospitalization (FUH-CH; CBE ID #: 0576)	National Committee for Quality Assurance	CY 2025	N/A	01/01/2025-12/31/2025	44.3%