



State of Vermont
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Global Commitment Register

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PROPOSED

Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance Benefit

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to establish the Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance (PSHA) benefit. The benefit targets Medicaid enrollees aged 18 and older who are eligible for full Medicaid State Plan benefits and who meet at least one of the needs-based criteria and one risk factor, as defined in Vermont's 1115 Global Commitment to Health waiver.

The PSHA benefit provides three primary services: pre-tenancy support, tenancy-sustaining services, and community transition services. Community transition services are available to all benefit enrollees moving into supportive housing, regardless of their previous living situation. These services are only provided when deemed reasonable and necessary, based on the enrollee's care plan, and when the enrollee cannot cover these expenses or access them through other sources.

The PSHA services will be reimbursed at case rate of \$667.00 per member per month. This rate was determined based on a review of best practices in PSHA standards, combined with 2023 wage and salary data from bureau of Labor Statistics.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2025

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#)

The reimbursement policy above is established 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 \$1,585,000.

Public Comment Period:

November 18, 2024 – December 18, 2024

Send comments to:

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Additional Information:

For more information on the Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance program, visit the Department of Children and Families website here. [Vermont Permanent Supportive Housing](#)

The gross budget includes \$760,000 annually for Pre-Tenancy and Tenancy Sustaining Services and \$825,000 for Community Transition Services.