



Reimbursement for State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
280 State Drive, Center Building
Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

Global Commitment Register

December 26, 2024

GCR 25-001
PROPOSED

Hospice Services Rate Changes

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is updating reimbursement rates for hospice services. DVHA follows the Medicare methodology for hospice services and has set rates at 103% of the Medicare fee schedule. This reimbursement maintains the 3% rate increase provided by the Vermont Legislature as of July 01, 2024, and noticed in [GCR 24-072](#).

Further details on the rate changes can be found under “Additional Information” below.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2025

Authority/Legal Basis:

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 \$4,892.

Public Comment Period:

December 26, 2024 – January 26, 2025

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

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Additional Information:

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

Rates for the proposed changes are listed in the table below.

Hospice Rates Effective 01/01/2025					
Revenue Code	Description	Current 2024 VT Rural Rate	Current 2024 VT Urban Rate	January 2025 VT Rural CMS Rate	January 2025 VT Urban CMS Rate
651	Routine Home Care (Days 1-60)	\$215.47	\$219.27	\$216.49	\$221.52
651	Routine Home Care (Days 61+)	\$170.08	\$173.12	\$170.52	\$174.49
	Service Intensity Add-On	\$63.91	\$65.20	\$63.87	\$63.91
652	Continuous Home Care	\$1,533.84	\$1,564.80	\$1,532.81	\$1,533.77
655	Inpatient Respite Care	\$528.53	\$537.13	\$503.41	\$514.17
656	General Inpatient Care	\$1,130.75	\$1,149.93	\$1,130.75	\$1,155.98