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Global Commitment Register

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Mental Health Case Rate Increase for Washington County Mental Health

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program has increased Mental Health Case Rate funding for Washington County Mental Health to support micro residential programs effective January 1, 2022. This increased funding is in response to costs related to COVID-19 and will help with recruitment and retention to maintain appropriate staffing levels. This will promote access to the least restrictive setting possible and to ensure compliance with Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) requirements.

This additional funding will increase the per member per month rate for children from \$1,871.89 to \$1,922.74 based on the average expected caseload for the provider. Under 1135 waiver authority, this change will be effective for the period of January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022. Please see [Proposed GCR 22-061 for information on rates effective July 1, 2022](#).

Effective Date:

January 1, 2022

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.

[COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

Population Affected: All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$194,672.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended on June 1, 2022. No comments were received.

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