



Global Commitment Register

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Mental Health Case Rate Update

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program updated the Mental Health Case Rate payment model for calendar year 2023. Updates include:

1. Creation of an emergency services global payment (ESGP) using Vermont's most recent statewide Medicaid penetration rate and the census of each provider's catchment area to arrive at a single, fixed monthly payment for all low-threshold emergency services to Medicaid beneficiaries of all age groups. Low-threshold services meet the billing requirements for code H2011. Providers are expected to ensure that the total cost for all low-threshold services does not exceed the total capitation amount.
2. Addition of a payment tied to reducing the percentage of services/assessments that occur in emergency departments. This value-based payment totals \$971,000 and will be distributed to providers based on performance, with no provider earning more than 1% of their annual allocation. This payment is in addition to the existing 2% value-based payment for established measures. Providers can achieve the value-based payment for decreasing the percentage of crisis services/assessments that occur in emergency departments in one of two ways:
 - a. Achieving a 5% bi-annual (6-month) decrease in percentage of crisis services/assessments that occurred in emergency departments from baseline period (based on previous 3 years of Monthly Service Report [MSR] submissions by respective designated agency), or
 - b. Achievement of 90th Percentile (highest achievable benchmark) of crisis services/assessments not delivered in emergency departments from baseline period (based on previous 3 years of MSR submissions by all designated agencies).
3. Alignment of Adult and Children's case rate value-based payment measures with the Integrating Family Services program measures.

A rate table showing the base case rate amounts can be found under "Additional Information" below.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2023

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:

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$971,000.

Public Comment Period:

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

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Provider	Projected Monthly Case Rate*	Projected Emergency Services Global Payment Annual Allocation
Clara Martin Center	Adult: \$949.26 Child: \$700.36	\$344,384
Counseling Service of Addison County	Adult: \$1,736.57 Child: \$1,472.47	\$388,614
Howard Center	Adult: \$1,507.89 Child: \$1,035.58	\$1,761,160
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	Adult: \$1,890.46 Child: \$1,306.67	\$958,544
Lamoille County Mental Health Services	Adult: \$2,420.70 Child: \$1,078.28	\$284,809
Northwestern Counseling and Support Services	Adult: \$1,390.49 Child: \$1,051.04	\$609,052
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	Adult: \$990.45 Child: \$1,169.26	\$669,057
Rutland Mental Health Services	Adult: \$1,594.89 Child: \$699.08	\$625,763
United Counseling Services	Adult: \$996.21 Child: \$902.24	\$381,430
Washington County Mental Health	Adult: \$1,457.41 Child: \$2,381.13	\$687,316
Pathways Vermont	Adult: \$821.62 Child: N/A	N/A

* Providers must meet their agreed upon targets to receive these rates.