



Global Commitment Register

December 30, 2022

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PROPOSED

Mental Health Case Rate Update

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program is updating 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:

December 30, 2022 – January 31, 2023

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.To be added to the GCR email list, send an email to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.**Additional Information:**

| Provider | Projected Monthly Case Rate* | Projected Emergency Services Global Payment Annual Allocation |
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| 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 |

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| 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.