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Limitations on Cost-Sharing for Vermont Medicaid Members

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program is improving its systems for tracking and charging copayments for Medicaid members. The new process will ensure Medicaid members are not charged more than 5% of their household's total income on cost-sharing and will streamline copay information available to Vermont Medicaid-enrolled providers.

Prior to April 1, 2023, Vermont Medicaid used a manual, retrospective process to refund Medicaid members for any copays charged over 5% of their income each quarter. Under the new process effective April 1, 2023, Vermont Medicaid automatically tracks member copays and turns them off once members meet 5% of their household's income. This change aligns with federal requirements.

How does this impact Vermont Medicaid members?

If Vermont Medicaid members reach their copay cap, they will receive a notice in the mail telling them they will not be charged copays for the rest of the quarter.

How does this impact Vermont-enrolled Medicaid providers?

The Green Mountain Care Eligibility System (EVS) will show a copay eligibility indicator. The indicator reflects whether Vermont Medicaid members should or should not be charged a copay based on the 5% cap. It is important for providers to continue to check EVS at the time of each visit to ensure copays are charged only when due.

Copayment policies are not changing as a result of this process improvement.

Effective Date:

April 1, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[42 CFR § 447.56\(f\)](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended April 14, 2023. No comments were received.

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Additional Information:

[Current copayment policy information is available on the Department of Vermont Health Access website.](#)

[Medicaid Provider Portal access.](#)