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# Global Commitment Register

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PROPOSED

## **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.

Currently, Vermont Medicaid uses a manual, retrospective process to refund Medicaid members for any copays charged over 5% of their income each quarter. Under the new process, Vermont Medicaid will automatically track member copays and turn 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?**

When the new tracking process begins, the Green Mountain Care Eligibility System (EVS) will show a copay eligibility indicator. The indicator will reflect 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:**

March 14, 2023 – April 14, 2023

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**Additional Information:**

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

[Medicaid Provider Portal access.](#)