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Global Commitment Register

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Outpatient Prospective Payment System

Policy Summary:
The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) conducted its annual review of rates paid for hospital outpatient services. DVHA sets rates based on the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) rates, except when otherwise specified in the Medicaid State Plan. DVHA payments rates are equal to the Medicare rate multiplied by a peer group percentage adjustment; this is due to DVHA's population and case-mix, which differs from a national Medicare population.

The DVHA rates effective March 15, 2023 are the Medicare 2023 Addendum B rates multiples by the following percentages:

1. For in-state hospitals that have a Medicare classification of critical access hospital (CAH): 110%;
2. For in-state hospitals that do no have a Medicare classification of CAH and who are not considered an academic medical center: 87%;
3. For University of Vermont Medical Center and Dartmouth Hitchcock: 85.5%;
4. For all other out-of-state hospitals: 82%; and
5. For Ambulatory Surgical Centers: 82%.

Effective Date:
March 15, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:
Medicaid State Plan

This change is being done through Global Commitment to Health waiver authority, where DVHA may establish rates with providers on an individual or class basis without regard to the rates currently set forth in the approved 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 cost savings of $297,880.

Public Comment Period:
The public comment period closed April 5, 2023. No comments were received.

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Additional Information:
The following State Plan page was amended:

- Attachment 4.19-B page 2a(1a)

Click here for the Medicaid State Plan on the AHS website.