



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
280 State Drive, Center Building
Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

Global Commitment Register

December 29, 2022

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PROPOSED

Hospice Services Rate Changes

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program is conducting its annual update of the rates for hospice services. Vermont Medicaid follows the Medicare rate methodology for hospice services and will set the 2023 rates for hospice services at 100% of the Medicare rates. Further details on the rate changes can be found under “Additional Information” below.

Effective Date:

January 1, 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 \$45,255.

Public Comment Period:

December 29, 2022 – January 30, 2023

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

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Additional Information:

The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan page provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft page can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on [Agency of Human Services website](#).

The hospice codes included in this rate update are listed in the table below.

Hospice Rates Effective 01/01/2023					
Revenue Code	Description	Current 2022 VT Rural Rate	Current 2022 VT Urban Rate	FFY 2023 VT Rural CMS Rate	FFY 2023 VT Urban CMS Rate
651	Routine Home Care (Days 1-60)	\$197.40	\$197.80	\$203.51	\$205.04
651	Routine Home Care (Days 61+)	\$156.00	\$156.32	\$160.82	\$162.02
	Service Intensity Add-On	\$58.83	\$58.96	\$60.74	\$61.26
652	Continuous Home Care	\$1,411.82	\$1,415.12	\$1,457.83	\$1,470.31
655	Inpatient Respite Care	\$484.50	\$485.42	\$475.26	\$478.53
656	General Inpatient Care	\$1,036.37	\$1,038.70	\$1,071.19	\$1,078.88