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Home Health, High Technology Nursing, & Pediatric Palliative Care Rate Changes

Policy Summary:

Vermont Medicaid is updating rates for the following:

- Medicaid State Plan Home Health services
- Pediatric Palliative Care Program services
- High Technology Program, nursing services provided by a home health agency, and
- High Technology Program, nursing services provided by independently enrolled nurses.

The home health agency high technology nursing rates will also apply to the High Technology Nursing Program Payment Model described in [Final GCR 21-028](#) and [Final GCR 22-073](#).

Rate charts are in the Additional Information section below. The final rate changes are approved as a result of legislative appropriations.

Effective Date:

February 15, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:

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.

[Act 3 of 2023](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated gross annualized budget impact for home health agency services is \$1,109,880. The estimated gross annualized budget impact for independently enrolled nurses is \$165,312.

Public Comment Period:

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

Additional Information:

The following State Plan pages were amended:

- Attachment 4.19-B page 3a
- Attachment 4.19-B page 3a(1)

Click here for the [Medicaid State Plan](#) on the AHS website.

Rates for the proposed changes can be found on the next page.

Home Health Rates		
Revenue Code Description	Revenue Code	Proposed Rate
PHYSICAL THERAPY	420	\$153.77
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	430	\$154.83
SPEECH THERAPY	440	\$167.15
SKILLED NURSING	550	\$140.69
SKILLED NURSING, SVCS, VISIT CHARGE	551	\$140.69
INITIAL HOME HEALTH ASSESMENT VISIT	559	\$128.86
MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, GENERAL	560	\$225.50
HOME HEALTH - HOME HEALTH AIDE	570	\$63.70

Pediatric Palliative Care Rates		
Revenue Code Description	Revenue Code	Proposed Rate
MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, VISIT CHARGE	561	\$143.33
MEDICAL SOCIAL SVCS, HOURLY CHARGE	562	\$143.33
OTHER HOME HEALTH VISITS, GENERAL	580	\$17.60
OTHER HOME HEALTH VISITS	589	\$17.60

Home Health Agency High Technology Nursing Rates			
Revenue Code Description	HCPCS Code	Modifier Combinations	Proposed Rate
DIRECT SKILLED NURSING SERVICES OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	G0299	HTHA, HTHB	\$15.68
DIRECT SKILLED NURSING SERVICES OF A LICENSE PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	G0300	HTHA, HTHB	\$15.68
NURSING ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION	T1001	HTHA, HTHB	\$84.53

Independently Enrolled High Technology Nursing Rates Registered Nurse (RN) & Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)			
Description	HCPCS Code	Modifiers	Proposed Rate
RN Day	T1002	n/a	\$11.76
RN Night/Holiday/Weekend	T1002	UJ/TV	\$12.94
LPN Day	T1003	n/a	\$10.00
LPN Night/Holiday/Weekend	T1003	UJ/TV	\$11.00
Nursing Assessment/Evaluation	T1001	n/a	\$63.40