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PROPOSED

Vermont Medicaid Licensed Dental Therapists

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to add licensed dental therapists as a new Medicaid provider type to deliver services within their scope of practice. This change is a result of Vermont Act 161 of the 2016 legislative session establishing licensed dental therapists as a new midlevel dental provider type intended to improve access to dental services for Vermonters.

The reimbursable services include all the codes within a dental therapist's scope of practice that are listed as covered by Vermont Medicaid for dental therapists. [The fee schedule and other information for dental providers can be found on the Department of Vermont Health Access website.](#)

The addition of this new provider type will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as State Plan Amendment (SPA) # 23-0017. This change will also be reflected in the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) as SPA # 23-0025, which applies to the Medicaid expansion New Adult Group. The ABP replicates the full Medicaid State Plan and includes the 10 essential health benefits required under the Affordable Care Act, as well as the full range of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services for individuals under the age of 21.

Effective Date:

May 1, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:

[33 VSA § 1992. Medicaid coverage for adult dental services](#)

Medicaid State Plan

Reimbursement for this provider type 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: This change is expected to be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

April 17, 2023 – May 17, 2023

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Additional Information:

The draft SPA provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft SPA 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 the [Agency of Human Services website](#).