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RBRVS Fee Schedule Update

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) updated its Medicaid State Plan reimbursement methodology for Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) payments, including changes to the primary care conversion factor, the standard conversion factor, and the Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI).

In keeping with the process of using the best available data and alignment with Medicare, DVHA adopted the calendar year 2023 Medicare relative value units (RVUs), which are the basis of RBRVS payments and reflect the most recent data published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services (CMS). The primary care conversion factor decreased from \$34.60 to \$33.89. The standard conversion factor decreased from \$28.54 to \$28.30. This was consistent with Medicare's decrease.

In addition to the changes above, the 2023 GPCI for Vermont has changed as follows:

- Practice Expense GPCI decreased from 1.015 to 0.997.
- Malpractice GPCI decreased from 0.595 to 0.543.

GPCI information is provided by CMS.

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 a savings of \$380,551.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended April 7, 2023. [Comments received](#) and [state response](#) can be viewed here.

To be added to the GCR email list, send an email to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

Additional Information:

The following State Plan pages have been amended:
Attachment 4.19-B page 10

The [Medicaid State Plan](#) is available on the AHS website.