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Global Commitment Register

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GCR 23-028
PROPOSED

Medicaid Investment: Sustained Home Visiting Rate Update

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program is responding to the need to add stipends to the Sustained Home Visiting investment. The original GCR, [GCR 22-121](#), describes the investment in its entirety. The policy change is for the purpose of investing funds to allow reimbursements for eligible participants so that any family participating in the Sustained Home Visiting can partake in community and group activities without financial hardship. Providing participant reimbursements supports the goal of having all families participate regardless of financial, transportation, and other barriers that many eligible families face. Please see the additional information below.

Effective Date:

April 15, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:

Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Population Affected:

Medicaid pregnant and parenting people, infants, and children under six years of age.

Fiscal Impact:

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

March 9, 2023 – April 10, 2023

Send comments to:

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Additional Information:

The Sustained Home Visiting Program will provide reimbursements for eligible costs that a family may incur when participating in the sustained home visiting activities offered, including monthly group connection activities in the community, play materials, community outings with the home visitor, etc. Examples of eligible costs include mileage reimbursement, gas, bus or public transit fees, infant hygiene items, and play materials such as arts and crafts materials, blocks, and boards. Each Sustained Home Visiting Program will be granted funds to assist families with the abovementioned costs. Each Program will serve a certain caseload size, and each family on the Program's caseload can receive up to \$320 per year as a stipend. Each Program will document the family, amount received, and purpose of the stipend.

Vermont is finalizing two State Plan Amendments to add the Sustained Home Visiting Program models as Medicaid Targeted Case Management services. Participant reimbursement costs will not be covered through the payment rate.