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Global Commitment Register

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<u>Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Schedule Update</u>

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) updated the reimbursement methodology for the Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory fee schedule. Effective April 1, 2023, DVHA will reimburse at 99% of Medicare's 2023 Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory fee schedule, except for COVID-19 codes which will continue to be reimbursed at 100% of Medicare's latest fee schedule. This is a change from the previous methodology which reimbursed at 98% of Medicare's Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory fee schedule. These rates will continue to be updated annually using the latest version of Medicare's Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory fee schedule.

Effective Date:

April 1, 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.

<u>Global Commitment to Health Waiver</u>: 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 \$11,340.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended May 1, 2023. No comments were received.

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

Additional Information:

The following State Plan page was amended:

• Attachment 4.19-B page 2a(3)

The <u>Medicaid State Plan</u> can be viewed on the AHS website.

