



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Global Commitment Register

March 31, 2023

GCR 23-037
PROPOSED

Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Schedule Update

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is proposing a change to 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 current methodology which reimburses 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.

[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 \$11,340.

Public Comment Period:

March 31, 2023 – May 1, 2023

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov.

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Additional Information:

The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan page provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft page can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on [Agency of Human Services website](#).