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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 23-050  
PROPOSED

## **Rule Filing #14 -Alternative Benefit Plan and State Plan Amendments**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program is submitting State Plan Amendments (SPAs) to document recent changes to Medicaid services under Health Care Administrative Rule filing #14. SPAs will be submitted for the following adopted rules:

- HCAR 4.212 Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices will be submitted to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) as SPA # 23-0027.
  - The SPA changes reflect the rule amendments made to be consistent with HCAR language and formatting and current practices.
- HCAR 4.221 Podiatry Services will be submitted to CMS as SPA # 23-0023.
  - The SPA changes reflect the rule amendments made to be consistent with HCAR language and formatting and current practices.
- HCAR 4.228 Transplantation Services will be submitted to CMS as SPA # 23-0021.
  - The SPA changes reflect the rule amendments made to be consistent with HCAR language and formatting and current practices.

For more information on these changes, see [Global Commitment Register Policy 22-099](#) on the adopted Health Care Administrative Rules in filing #14.

These service descriptions will also be updated in the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) for the New Adult Group through SPA 23-0025. 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.

Additionally, State Plan telehealth reimbursement will be updated in alignment with HCAR 3.101 Telehealth as noticed in GCR 22-099. The rule adds audio-only services under and outlines requirements for service delivery via audio-only. The rule also updates terminology and adds clarity.

### **Effective Date:**

May 1, 2023

**Authority/Legal Basis:**

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

This change to telehealth reimbursement 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; New Adult Group

**Fiscal Impact:**

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

**Public Comment Period:**

April 27, 2023 – May 30, 2023

Send comments to:

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**Additional Information:**

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