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Northeastern Family Institute Case Rate Update

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program has increased reimbursement for the Northeastern Family Institute (NFI) bundled case rate. NFI is the only statewide Specialized Service Agency in Vermont for children and youth with severe emotional disturbance and their families. NFI provides intensive wraparound services in multiple regions of the state in home, therapeutic foster home, staffed transitional living, and community settings with a strong clinical approach to address complex trauma and attachment issues.

NFI will receive \$1,851.35 per member per week, which represents a 5% rate increase from the previous year in alignment with appropriations made by the Vermont Legislature under H.494 of the 2023 session. NFI is also eligible for up to a 5% incentive payment if it meets utilization expectations by serving at least 91 individuals in a year and meets performance measure expectations detailed in the Additional Information section below.

Effective Date:

July 1, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#): Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #6.8.

[H.494 of the 2023 Legislative Session](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$243,692.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended on July 31, 2023. No comments were received.

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Additional Information:

NFI Payment Model: Value Based Performance Measures

Measure Name and NQF # (if applicable)	Measure Steward/ Developer	Baseline Year	Baseline Statistic	Performance Measurement Period	Performance Target	Notes
Percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries receiving a VT CANS assessment in the past 6 months	Vermont	State FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)	99%	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025	90%	Pay for performance
Minimum caseload for Medicaid beneficiaries is 91; Target Caseload is 100 or above for incentive payments	Vermont	State FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)	108	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025	100	Pay for performance
Percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries declined after the completed referral	Vermont	State FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)	0%	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025	<10%	Pay for performance
Percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries where NFI staff had contact with Primary caregivers for 2 hours or more (aggregated) per month.	Vermont	State FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) and State FY 2023 Q1-3 (July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023)	FY22 72% FY23 73%	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025	Target under current negotiation, to be determined by 8/31/2023	Pay for reporting in CY 2023 and 2024. Pay for performance starting in CY2025