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GCR 23-078 PROPOSED

RBRVS Fee Schedule Update

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program is proposing to update its reimbursement methodology for Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) payments, including changes to the primary care conversion factor and the standard conversion factor.

The standard conversion factor is increasing by 3.8% to allow for the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) inflation factor and the primary care conversion factor is increasing from 100% to 110% of Medicare's physician fee schedule. For dates of service on or after July 1, 2023, the standard conversion factor will increase from \$28.30 to \$29.38. The primary care conversion factor will increase from \$33.89 to \$37.28. This increased funding is part of the State Fiscal Year 2024 budget appropriation from the Vermont State Legislature.

Effective Date:

July 1, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:

Medicaid State Plan

State Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act (H.494 of 2023)

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 \$5,559,641.

Public Comment Period:



June 29, 2023 – July 31, 2023

Send comments to: Medicaid Policy Unit 280 State Drive, Center Building Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

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

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

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 <u>Agency of Human Services website</u>.

