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# Global Commitment Register

August 22, 2023

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GCR 23-080  
PROPOSED

## **Compression Garment Providers**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to expand the provider types who may dispense compression garments. This change is intended to increase members' access to compression garments by allowing physical therapists, occupational therapists, and podiatrists to dispense compression garments as medically necessary.

Physical therapists and occupational therapists may dispense upper and lower compression garments according to an ordering provider's prescription. Podiatrists may order and dispense lower compression garments. Coverage and reimbursement for these items of durable medical equipment is according to the Medicaid fee schedule found on the Department of Vermont Health Access website. The clinical coverage criteria and reimbursement are the same for all provider types.

See additional information below for coverage criteria and Health Care Administrative Rule.

### **Effective Date:**

September 1, 2023

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$4,255.

### **Public Comment Period:**

August 22, 2023 – September 21, 2023

Send comments to:

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**Additional Information:**

Coverage Criteria:

[Durable Medical Equipment | Department of Vermont Health Access  
Compression Garments](#)

[Health Care Administrative Rule 4.209 Durable Medical Equipment](#)

[Vermont Medicaid Fee Schedule](#)