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# Global Commitment Register

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## **Private Nonmedical Institution Reimbursement**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program incorporated an adjustment for inflation into the per diem Medicaid rates for private nonmedical institutions (PNMIs). PNMIs provide residential treatment to Vermont children with special needs. PNMIs are reimbursed for this treatment by a per diem rate that is set prospectively based on each provider's historic costs. The incorporation of an inflation adjustment allows PNMI providers to receive more stable funding, to be able to provide higher quality services, and to pay staff competitive wages.

The Division of Rate Setting amended its rule that establishes the per diem Medicaid rate-setting process for PNMIs to incorporate this adjustment for inflation (see [GCR 23-026](#)).

### **Effective Date:**

July 1, 2023

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

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

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:**

Medicaid beneficiaries who receive services in a PNMI.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$1,426,475.

### **Public Comment Period:**

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

To be added to the GCR email list, send an email to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov).

**Additional Information:**

The following State Plan page was amended:

- Attachment 4.19-B page 5

The [Medicaid State Plan](#) can be found on the Agency of Human Services website.