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Medicaid Vaccine Coverage

Policy Summary:

Vermont Medicaid is submitting a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services assuring that vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are covered for adults aged 19 and older. This is a mandatory coverage requirement due to a statutory change made by the Inflation Reduction Act. The adult vaccines coverage requirement applies to all recommended vaccines including those recommended for a health condition, occupation, or travel. At this time, Vermont Medicaid covers all ACIP recommended vaccines without any cost sharing and will continue this coverage.

This change is being submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as State Plan Amendment #23-0015.

This change also includes a Medicaid State Plan Reimbursement page outlining the methodologies to establish payment rates for vaccines.

Effective Date:

October 1, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Section 11405 of the Inflation Reduction Act](#)

[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 adults over age 19

Fiscal Impact:

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended October 26, 2023. No comments were received.

Additional Information:

The following Medicaid State Plan page was added:

- Attachment 4.19-B page 17b

For COVID-19 vaccine coverage see related [GCR 23-027](#).

The draft SPA provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft SPA 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](#).