



State of Vermont  
Agency of Human Services  
280 State Drive, Center Building  
Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

---

# Global Commitment Register

September 26, 2023

---

GCR 23-114  
PROPOSED

## **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:**

September 26, 2023 – October 26, 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](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov).

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

**Additional Information:**

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](#).