



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Global Commitment Register

March 29, 2024

GCR 23-124
PROPOSED

Division of Substance Use Preferred Provider Rate Increase Extension

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program increased reimbursement rates by 3% for Division of Substance Use (DSU) Preferred Providers from January 1, 2022, to March 31, 2024. See [GCR 22-007](#) for details on this initial increase. This 3% rate increase was supported by the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) enhanced funding that was offered to states under Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

On June 3, 2022, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that the deadline for states to use HCBS enhanced funding was extended from March 31, 2024, to March 31, 2025. The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to extend this 3% reimbursement for DSU Preferred Providers effective April 1, 2024, and through March 31, 2025, in alignment with this extended availability of funding.

See the [Agency of Human Services HCBS Enhanced Funding website](#) for information on these activities which enhance, expand, and strengthen HCBS in the Medicaid program.

Effective Date:

April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Authority/Legal Basis:

Section 9817 of the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#)

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:

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

March 29, 2024 – April 29, 2024

Send comments to:

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

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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 [Agency of Human Services website](#).

A chart of DSU services and rates can be found below.

Division of Substance Use Programs (DSU) Medicaid Rate Sheet
 Effective 1/1/2024

Provider Speciality: S18
 Provider Type: T25

Procedure Code	Procedure Description(Paid Claims)	Modifiers	Modifier Explanation	Rates with 5% increase as of 7/1/2023 (includes HCBS)	Rates as of 4/1/2025 (without HCBS) and will be new base rate	Unit
H0001	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG ASSESSMENT	H0001HA	adolescent (<18)	\$212.49	\$206.11	Encounter
		H0001HB	adult (18+)			
H0004	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND THERAPY, PER 15 MINUTES	H0004HA	adolescent (<18)	\$30.62	\$29.70	15 min
		H0004HB	adult (18+)			
		H0004HS	adol (<18), without client present			
H0005	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES; GROUP COUNSELING BY A CLINICIAN	H0005HA	adolescent (<18)	\$113.67	\$110.26	Encounter
		H0005HB	adult (18+)			
H0010	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES; SUB-ACUTE DETOXIFICATION (RESIDENTIAL ADDICTION PROGRAM INPATIENT)	H0010HB	adult (18+)	\$167.40	\$162.37	Per Diem
H0015	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES; INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT (TREATMENT PROGRAM THAT OPERATES AT LEAST 3 HOUR *SEE BOOK	H0015HB	adult (18+)	\$163.43	\$158.53	Encounter
		H0015 HA	adolescent (<18)			
H0020	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES; METHADONE ADMINISTRATION AND/OR SERVICE (PROVISION OF DRUG BY LICENSED PROGRAM)	H0020HACG	Adol (<18),buprenorphine, no health home services	\$400.90	\$388.88	Month
		H0020HGCG	General pop, methadone, no health home services			
		H0020HBGC	Adult (18+), buprenorphine, no health home services			
		H0020HBHGCG	Adult (18+), methadone, no health home services			
		H0020HASE	Adol (<18),buprenorphine, with health home services			
		H0020HGSE	General pop, methadone, with health home services			
H0020	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES; METHADONE ADMINISTRATION AND/OR SERVICE (PROVISION OF DRUG BY LICENSED PROGRAM)	H0020HBSE	Adult (18+), buprenorphine, with health home services	\$572.72	\$555.53	Month
		H0020HBHGE	Adult (18+), methadone, with health home services			
H0020	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES; METHADONE ADMINISTRATION AND/OR SERVICE (PROVISION OF DRUG BY LICENSED PROGRAM)	H0020HG	General pop, methadone	\$425.00	\$425.00	Month

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T1006	ALCOHOL AND/OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, FAMILY/COUPLE COUNSELING	T1006	Any	\$153.11	\$148.52	Encounter
		T1006HS	Adol (<18) without client present			
T1016	CASE MANAGEMENT, EACH 15 MINUTES		Adolescent (<18) Adult(18+)	\$16.36	\$15.87	15 Min

Valley Vista and Recovery House Adult Episodic Rates for Treatment Episodes of three or more nights
 Provider May Use Either H0011 or H0018 -- the episodic rate includes BOTH services so they may not be billed separately

Primary Substance and Co-Occurring Category	Rates with 5% increase as of 7/1/2023 (includes HCBS)	Rates with 38% increase for residential services only as of 1/1/2024	Rates as of 4/1/2025 (without HCBS) and will be new base rate	Unit
Other/Opioid Z - No co-occurring	\$3,683.81	\$5,083.65	\$4,931.14	Episode
Other/Opioid A	\$3,893.89	\$5,373.56	\$5,212.36	Episode
Other/Opioid B	\$4,126.68	\$5,694.82	\$5,523.97	Episode
Other/Opioid C	\$4,373.10	\$6,034.88	\$5,853.83	Episode
Alcohol/Benzo Z - No co-occurring	\$4,193.68	\$5,787.28	\$5,613.66	Episode
Alcohol/Benzo A	\$4,442.37	\$6,130.47	\$5,946.56	Episode
Alcohol/Benzo B	\$4,709.23	\$6,498.74	\$6,303.77	Episode
Alcohol/Benzo C	\$4,994.26	\$6,892.08	\$6,685.31	Episode
Short Stay (per diem)	\$249.83	\$344.76	\$334.42	Episode

Co-occurring category definitions effective 10/1/19 and higher

Category Description

No Co-occurring (from the list below)	Z
Bipolar Disorder	
Liver disease/Cirrhosis	
Gender Dysphoria	A
Eating Disorders	
Diabetes	
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	
Homeless	
Intellectual Disability	
Pregnancy	B
Personality disorders	
Endocarditis	
Deafness-bilateral	
Psychotic disorders	C