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Global Commitment Register

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Residential Preferred Provider Rate Increase

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program increased the DSU residential preferred provider rate in order to improve provider stability and improve access to care. Provider instability and subsequent staffing issues have affected access to residential treatment for Vermont residents and impacted health care sector employment across the state. This rate increase should improve access to consistent and dependable treatment services for vulnerable Vermonters, improving long term health outcomes, and stabilizing the health care sector.

Effective Date:

January 1, 2024

Authority/Legal Basis:

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.

<u>Global Commitment to Health Waiver</u>: Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #6.8.

Population Affected: All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact: The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$2,400,000

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended 12/31/23. No comments were received.

