# **Global Commitment Register**

December 19, 2023

GCR 23-142 PROPOSED

## **Residential Preferred Provider Rate Increase**

## **Policy Summary:**

The Vermont Medicaid program proposes to increase 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.

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:**

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

#### **Public Comment Period:**

December 19, 2023 – December 31, 2023

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