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# Global Commitment Register

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## **Outpatient Prospective Payment System**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) conducted its annual review of rates paid for hospital outpatient services. DVHA sets rates based on the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) rates, except when otherwise specified in the Medicaid State Plan. DVHA payment rates are equal to the Medicare rate multiplied by a peer group percentage adjustment; this is due to DVHA's population and case-mix, which differs from a national Medicare population.

The DVHA rates effective January 1, 2024, are the Medicare 2024 Final Rule Addendum A & B rates multiplied by the following percentages:

1. For in-state hospitals that have a Medicare classification of critical access hospital (CAH): 106.5%, a decrease from 110%;
2. For in-state hospitals that do not have a Medicare classification of CAH and who are not considered an academic medical center: 83.5%, a decrease from 87%;
3. For University of Vermont Medical Center and Dartmouth Hitchcock: 82%, a decrease from 85.5%;
4. For all other out-of-state hospitals: 79%, a decrease from 82%; and
5. For Ambulatory Surgical Centers: 79%, a decrease from 82%.

### **Effective Date:**

January 1, 2024

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

[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:** All Medicaid

**Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated gross annualized budget impact is \$60,902.

**Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period ended January 19, 2024. No comments were received.

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**Additional Information:**

The following State Plan page was amended:

- Attachment 4.19-B page 2a(1a)

Click here for the [Medicaid State Plan](#) on the AHS website.