



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Global Commitment Register

December 20, 2023

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PROPOSED

Outpatient Prospective Payment System

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is conducting 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:

December 20, 2023 – January 19, 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 the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on [Agency of Human Services website](#).